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IS HE RED?

THE "CHRISTIAN GENERAL"

RUSSIA BEHIND HIM

"Britain And Japan Entertain No Illusions"

WHAT AN ATTACK ON HANKOW WOULD MEAN

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Has Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General," really come out in his true colours? Is he preparing to strike at Hankow while the backs of his confederates in the Nationalist Party are turned? These are questions which have engaged the attention of very few in Hong Kong. Following Thursday's report and yesterday's note that "the Hankow situation is disquieting," the news cannot be disregarded only because confirmation is lacking.

If anybody thinks that, at most, there will be a "local" war in Central China, far from Hong Kong and the South, he is mistaken. An attack on Hankow would at once embroil Canton because both cities are ruled by the Kwangsi military group. Hong Kong's trade would be directly and adversely affected. But there is worse.

Because of his leanings towards the Soviet, grounds of suspicion have been found for supposing that Russia is behind the "Christian General," about which Britain and Japan entertain no illusions. The consequences may even reach as far as India, it is said.

SECRET ALLIANCE OF 1896

Commenting on a new book about the secret Treaty of Alliance concluded between China and Russia in 1896, Geo. Bronson Rea, in the "Far Eastern Review," has this to say about the "Christian General":

"We have the picture of Feng Yu-hsiang patiently waiting for the Japanese to withdraw so that he can take over control of Shantung and his deep water port at Tsingtao which provides him with a secure inlet for shipments of arms and munitions from abroad. Feng has been closely allied with Moscow in the past. There is no assurance that this partnership has been terminated."

"Feng is to-day the most powerful militarist in China, holding Nanking at his mercy. The Communist wing of the Kuomintang is preparing for another trial of strength in order to regain control of the Nationalist Government. Any day, the situation in China may change, with Soviet Russia once more directing the policies of Nanking."

Mence to Far East
"No other nation has the right to dictate to China what she shall do in her own house. If she elects to align herself with Moscow, it is her own concern. But she must accept the consequences."

"Great Britain and Japan entertain no illusions about the Russian programme in China. They have had their lesson and know exactly what to expect."

"There is considerable justification for the rumours now current about a new understanding between Great Britain and Japan and although it may never resolve itself into another hard and fast alliance, there is no escaping the conviction that events are shaping themselves in China along lines that must draw these two Powers closer together for the protection of their mutual interests."

"Britain's position in India and the security of Japan are closely related to the outcome of the present factional struggle in China. These two great Powers cannot remain indifferent to their own vital interests."

"The weakness of China and her

inclination to lend herself to the Russian programme constitutes a standing menace to the peace of the Far East. The strategic angle to British and Japanese policy in China cannot be set aside as unimportant. It still remains as the motivating force in their present diplomacy."

Difference To-day
Mr. R. O. Hall, a Briton who very convincingly advocated conciliation towards China, and who made a close study in the interior, had this to say about the "Christian General"—two years ago, he it noted, when referring to Feng's joining forces with the Nationalists:—"The ideals of the two groups are so much alike that this was inevitable, even if their common dependence upon Russia for military supplies had not hastened it."

The difference to-day is that the majority and those sections of the National Government with prestige have severed intercourse with Soviet Russia. The National Government is professedly anti-Red. Feng Yu-hsiang, as Minister for War, must therefore be taken to be opposed to the Soviet's overtures. But we know he is not.

One of the Barons
What, then, of his chances if he should really throw down the gauntlet to the Kwangsi military group? In this connection, it is interesting to read what Mr. Hall said of him two years ago before he took a very active part in the race on Peking. He and his army of Ironsides, the author writes, fit into neither category (i.e., of warlord type and "citizen army" type). Historically he is one of the barons; but his strength lies in the popularity of his army—a popularity which is very well deserved.

The Kwangsi military group has been consistently anti-Red. If Hankow were menaced, reinforcements would have to be rushed up from Canton and Kwangsi. The burden of support in money, which Canton has had to shoulder for Hankow, will then be likely to remain to the detriment of trade. And the wider issues have been dealt with already.

Whether the other factions will take sides or exert pressure to keep the peace remains to be seen.

STILL NO CHANGE TO REPORT

"A QUIET DAY"

LATEST BULLETIN REGARDING AS SATISFACTORY

"THE WILL TO LIVE"

London, Yesterday, 8 p.m.
A British wireless message states: The following bulletin was issued at 8.15 this evening:
The King has had a quiet day and there is no change to report in His Majesty's condition.
Signed, Stanley Hewitt and Dawson of Penn.
The last three bulletins regarding the King show that for the past thirty hours there has been no indication of a change in His Majesty's general condition but, as the doctors point out, this is not to be interpreted as a relapse. This morning's bulletin, in fact, is regarded as satisfactory, although, of course, there is still anxiety. The bulletin encourages hopes of a set-

FINE TO CLOUDY

For the 24 hours ending at noon to-morrow, "Fresh east winds, fine to cloudy," is the forecast for Hong Kong, the adjacent coast and Formosa Channel.

At 10.50 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:—"The anticyclone is central between Shanghai and south-west Korea. Fresh monsoon may be expected over the China Sea."

ted and definite improvement in the King's condition. In medical circles it is pointed out that the healing process goes on slowly but it is obvious that the infection has been mastered. A protective wall of new tissue should now be sufficient to exclude practically any fears of further lung complication. The general condition will show very little change at this stage, and that it is stationary may be taken as meaning that the ground gained has been held.

It was disclosed, in a fuller review of the case, prepared for the medical press to-day, that the King's disinclination for food was being overcome and that the will to live is there.

A good deal depends on both these factors. By the will to live the doctors define the quality in spirit that has considerable influence in helping the conquest of disease. It was officially stated at Buckingham Palace this afternoon that the King had had a little more restful day.

WOMEN DOCTORS

LIMITATIONS ON THEIR EDUCATION

IMPORTANT STEP

London, Yesterday.
The limitations placed upon the medical education of women in London Hospitals are the subject of a report which has been drawn up by the committee appointed by the Senate of London University a year ago.

This question was rendered acute at that time by the exclusion of further women students from the medical schools of London hospitals. Sir James Purves Stewart, Senior Physician to Westminster Hospital, then expressed the view that usually the ablest women forsook the profession shortly after graduating in order to marry, that some of the men students were disinclined to sit alongside women in medical classrooms and that the opportunities for athletics must also be less attractive in mixed schools; while the inevitable distractions could not but arise from the continuous association of attractive young men with attractive young women in the classroom laboratories and wards.

It is understood that the committee has now reported in favour of the retention of women students in the London hospitals, but recommends that in order to prevent an excess of women students each hospital should take a definite quota.

Dr. Graham-Little, who is one of the champions of women doctors and is a member of the committee, ex-

S. AFRICAN TEAM FOR ENGLAND

16 CRICKETERS

H. G. DEANE, OF TRANSVAAL, CHOSEN CAPTAIN

MANY NEW NAMES

The following, according to Reuter, have been selected to represent South Africa in the forthcoming cricket tour to England:
H. G. Deane (captain), H. W. Taylor, C. Vincent, J. Christie, H. B. Cameron, F. V. van der Merwe, B. Mitchell, Z. Macmillan, all the above are Transvaal players.
I. J. Siedle, E. Dalton, R. H. Catterall, these are of Natal Province.
D. Morkel, H. Owen Smith, both from Western Province.
A. Ochse, from Eastern Province, and N. Quinn, from Griqualand West.
S. Steyn, of Western Province, is reserve.
There are many names in the above team which are new to representative South African cricket.—Reuter.

FELL INTO DITCH

DUKE OF GLOUCESTER OUT HUNTING

ESCAPES WITH SHAKING



London, Yesterday.
H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, when hunting with the Queen Hunt near Batsby to-day, fell into a wide ditch, but escaped with a shaking.—Reuter.

RYE DISASTER

FINDING OF COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

VIEWS ON THE LIFEBOAT

London, Yesterday.
The Commission of Inquiry into the Rye lifeboat disaster has found that prompt and proper measures were taken to recall the lifeboat but the recall flag should have been hoisted at daybreak though it was very improbable that it would have been seen.
The commission also expresses the opinion that the lifeboat suddenly capsized owing to the high sea during the gale and that the deaths were caused by the breaking water of the heavy surf.
It is impossible, say, the Commission adds, whether the lifeboats caused or contributed to the loss of life.—Reuter.

A CLIMAX

BOMBHELL IN THE COTTON TRADE

THE OILING AGREEMENT

London, Yesterday.
A climax to the endeavour of employers to secure a fully productive 48-hour week has occurred by the general committee of the Master Cotton Spinners, meeting in Manchester, having confirmed a decision to give the Operative Spinners' Amalgamation notice terminating the existing oiling and oiling agreement of Feb. 2.—Reuter.

MATCH SCRATCHED

The rugby match for this afternoon between the Hong Football Club and the Beas and Herts. Regiment has been scratched.

pressed the view to-day that any obstacle which hospitals might put in the way of the best possible medical education for women was nothing short of a crime, in view especially of the present mortality in child death.—British Wireless Service.

VIRTUOUS PEOPLE—AND BIRDS!

VIEWS ON SHOOTING

"WANTON SLAUGHTER," SAYS A MAGISTRATE

KWANGTUNG REGULATIONS

Hong Kong sportsmen who cross the frontier into Chinese territory during the shooting season should read proclamation No. 48 of Oct. 30, 1928, issued by Mr. Cheung Kai-sung, Magistrate of Po On district (that part of Chinese territory adjoining the British frontier).
"Under good local Government, a territory is free from locusts, and among a virtuous people, birds prey not on other birds' nests."
"In the season when autumn changes to winter, sportsmen go to the hills to shoot game, solely for their own ends—a cruel, wanton slaughter which offends the laws of Heaven. More than this, the woods are often fired to destroy the lurking-places of birds and beasts, driv-

PROFESSIONAL MEN

Architects, barristers, dentists (whether registered as dental surgeons or exempted persons), medical practitioners, pharmaceutical chemists and solicitors are notified that certificates to practise for 1929, as required by section 21 of the Stamp Ordinance, 1921, may be obtained from the Stamp Office on payment of the stamp duty of \$25.
"ing them out." This practice is as vicious as drying up the sea to catch fish. It renders the hillside barren and unfit for grass cutting, depriving the poor of a means of livelihood, and it will be rigidly put down. Take note that offenders will be punished without discrimination."

What the Term Means
Provisional hunting regulations for the whole province of Kwangtung have been published in the Hong Kong "Government Gazette." These will apply also, it need hardly be stated, to residents of Macao going into Chinese territory and people living in Kwangtung. Extracts follow:

The term hunting shall mean catching birds or animals in nets or by firearms or other instruments that are not for military use. No person shall carry with him more than one set of such instruments.

A person desiring to hunt game in Kwangtung shall apply to the Civil Administration Bureau, giving his name, age, nationality, occupation, etc.—(Continued on Page 15.)

HANKOW SITUATION

GEN. PEI STAYS AWAY FROM CONFERENCE

NO NEWS OF "ADVANCE"

No further news has been received about the reported "Advance" of Feng Yu-hsiang, the "Christian General" on Hankow.

The "Kung Sheng Yat Po," however, reports that General Pei Chung-hsi (one of the big four of the Kwangsi military group which controls Hankow, Canton, etc.) has cabled the National Government, refusing to attend the Disbandment Conference because of his serious illness following the death of his brother, which occurred just as he was about to leave the North for Nanking.

It is significant that the "Christian General" is in Nanking, as is General Li Tsung-jen (who is in General Pei's party), of whom it was said that an effort might be made to prevent his returning to Hankow.

To Last Two Weeks
Nanking, Yesterday.

Owing to the large number of proposals, 32 of which concern military organisation and disbandment and 26 other relative matters, the Disbandment Conference, which is resuming to-morrow, will probably be in session for a fortnight.

Besides the 23 members appointed to the Conference, specialists are being invited to participate whenever their advice is desired.—Reuter.

IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

The liddle who went to the Ball and finished up at the boxing tournament hopes to reach home with the "Sunday Herald."

A jockey lost a race recently through looking round. Flat jockeys should never look round.

Sometimes a girl will start by making eyes at you, and end by making faces at you.

That Govt. green wood was not half as "wild" as the Colonel's gardener!

A book critic calls Mr. Thornton Wilder "an author who takes liberties." Well, isn't there a poetic licence?

"Junkmen have a little bout"—heading. "But what?"

From a shoe catalogue: "Ladies' patent one-bar. Punched Vamp. High heel." Sounds ungallant.

"At Kowloon: What Happened to Jones," shrieks a headline. . . . got "tanked" again, we suppose.

Blow It! . . . The weather still goes gale-ly on.

Countries other than China can raise wars, vide heading: "Salvation Army Conflict."

A writer describes Mr. Neville Chamberlain as "the man who can't let himself go." But some of his party would gladly let him go.

There were seven courses at the jockeys' dinner, but every diner stayed the course.

"Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the Kowloon Magistrate to-day, expressed annoyance. . . . Well, he might upon reading this."

"One Admirer Brings a Crowd" is the title of an article by May Christie. . . . Does not the silly fellow know that two's company?

Surprising, isn't it, to discover the people who are caught driving cars in Kowloon?

The leading jockeys had a most elaborate and expensive dinner at Prince's recently but nobody said anything about "wasting."

The Week's Great Thought:—Every dog has his day. And every cat his night.

The Pulene Judge asserts that skirts have become shorter. . . . Is that so?

A woman writes to a paper to explain that her husband is jealous of her pet dog. . . . A case of Peke?

Police-station Pleasantly!—"Did Jones get full last night?" "Well, he had to be bailed out."

In the local "Government Gazette" to-day:—"In Bankruptcy"

"Re The Hop Yick Dying Factory of the Shing On-street," etc.—Very appropriate.

"Hotel. Beautifully situated. . . . tennis; riding; donkey rides children."—Seaside advertisement.

The children would no doubt prefer to ride the donkey.

"Some actresses," read out the man in the corner, "believe in a hoodoo." "Who do?" echoed the appreciative but illiterate listener.

Old Mrs. Buzzings, who is slightly deaf, got all mixed up about the Duke of Buccleuch's sale of his Rembrandt. "Just fancy," she said, "getting all that money for a remnant!"

"After tennis the club presented Mrs. Aphorpe with a handsome hat box and Mr. Aphorpe with a beautiful bouquet (sic) of flowers." A report of the speeches will appear in the next issue.—Weekly paper.

It will be interesting to read Mr. Aphorpe's observations on the "bouquet."

"Sound films are the thing of the future," says a movie critic. . . . We can do without the unsound ones.

From a case in the King's Bench, it appeared that a man courted a woman on an ocean voyage. . . . Then he threw her up.

"Should Wives Go On Working?" asks Miss Tallulah Bankhead. . . . Poor little Mrs. Subbuts says she has to.

Hearing that the village of Temeni had been "completely isolated," Aunt Aphasia opined that it must have been freezing hard in that part of Greece.

The English captain had an income-tax assessment served on him just before the start of the Test match. Enough to make anybody Test-y!

"Inspector Howland said that the refreshment hour of Acting Sergeant Smith, who was in charge of the beat on July 5 and 6, was from 1.45 to 2.15 a.m."—"Daily Mirror." . . . A policeman's hour being just half as long as anyone else's.

A chauffeur who wanted to put his master's car in the garage, started the engine, put it in gear facing the building, then stepped out and left it to run inside. "I made an accident," he afterwards explained to the magistrate. . . . "Made" was the correct term.

This week's nasty knock . . . "A new and quite wonderful weekly has appeared in Britain—named after her, 'Britannia.' By virtue of its character and outspokenness and an excellence of the first order, it marks a new, and better, era in journalism."—Rhodesian paper.

Only one further misprint in the foregoing was needed to make it quite perfect, namely, "A new and better error in journalism."

Heading to series of articles: "To-day's Talk, by George Matthew Adams, author of 'You Can,' 'Take It,' 'Up.' . . . You can take it up or you can leave it."

"The residents have sent a petition asking that the farm be proclaimed a freehold township. We understand that some of the Store keepers are against it. That means they are against the public."—Typewritten document. . . . It should be an impressive petition.

Birth Control:—Extract from letter received by local bookseller from customer to whom fashion journals illustrating the newest babies' dresses had been forwarded by mistake: "In this part of the world we don't go in for babies."

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Another Nasty Knock:—"All important main roads, such as the Portsmouth road, Brighton road, etc., should be tripled. That is to say, two additional roads should be built to run parallel to the existing one. The first would be reserved for fast passenger traffic (over 30 miles an hour); the second for heavy commercial traffic and male drivers who like to drive at about 20 m.p.h.; the third for women drivers, no women drivers being allowed on the other two roads.—Norman Cutcliffe."—Letter to "The Autocar."



On the left, the "Christian General," purposely unkempt to create an effect among his men. Above, General Li Tsung-jen, ruler of Hankow, who is attending the disbandment conference in Nanking.

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Hong Kong, 4th Jan., 1929.

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One Evinrude Outboard Motor Boat 18' x 4' (at A. King's Slipway, Causeway Bay).

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OFFICIAL Opening by Officer Administering the Government on SATURDAY, 5th January, 1929, at 3 p.m.

Trains leave Kowloon for Sheungshui and 12.10 p.m. and 1.15 p.m.

Trains leave Sheungshui for Kowloon at 4.45 p.m. and 5.55 p.m. Return Fares by any train during January 5th and 6th, 1929, will be as follows:—

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That the Directors of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation be and they are hereby requested and authorised by and on behalf of the shareholders of the Corporation to take all such steps as may be necessary for the introduction of an Ordinance into the Legislative Council of the Colony of Hong Kong and for the enactment of the same by the Governor of Hong Kong with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council thereof, in the terms of a print which, for the purposes of identification, has been signed by the Chief Manager of the Corporation, in substitution for the existing Ordinances (except as in such print is mentioned) and Deed of Settlement of the Corporation.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that a further extraordinary meeting of the shareholders of the Corporation will be held on Saturday, the 23rd day of February, 1929, at 12.45 in the afternoon at the same place for the purpose of receiving a report of the above mentioned meeting and of considering, and if thought fit, confirming the above resolution in accordance with Article 96 of the Corporation's Deed of Settlement.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1929.

By Order of the Directors,
A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager.

Note:—A copy of the proposed New Ordinance can be seen during the usual banking hours (Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays excepted) in Hong Kong at the Head Office of the Corporation or at the offices of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Prince's Buildings, Solicitors to the said Corporation, and in Shanghai at the Office of the Corporation, from the date hereof until the date of the above mentioned confirmatory meeting.

NOTICES.**NOTICE.**

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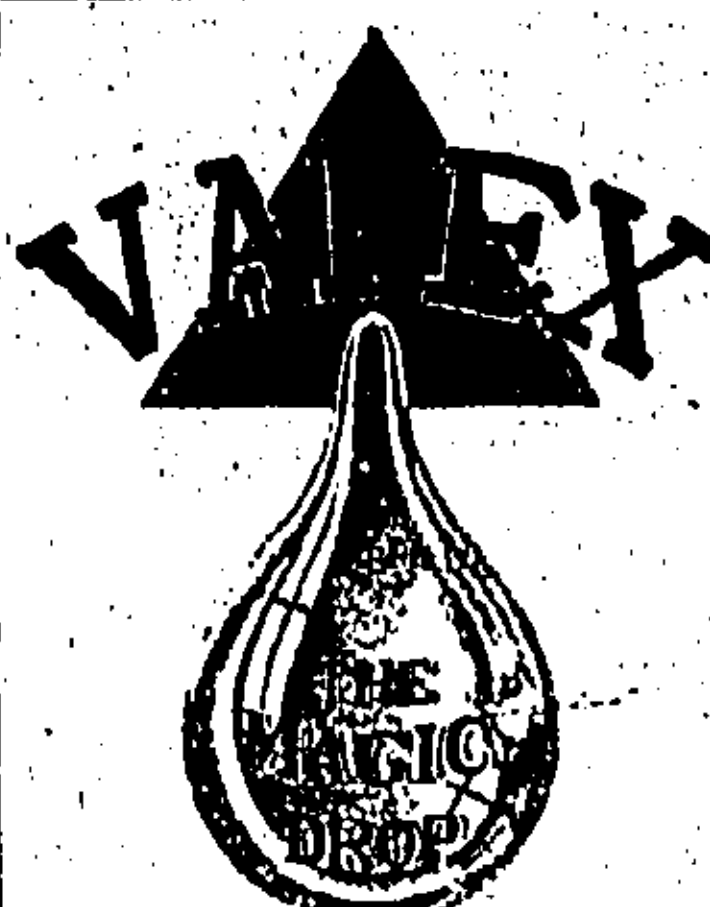
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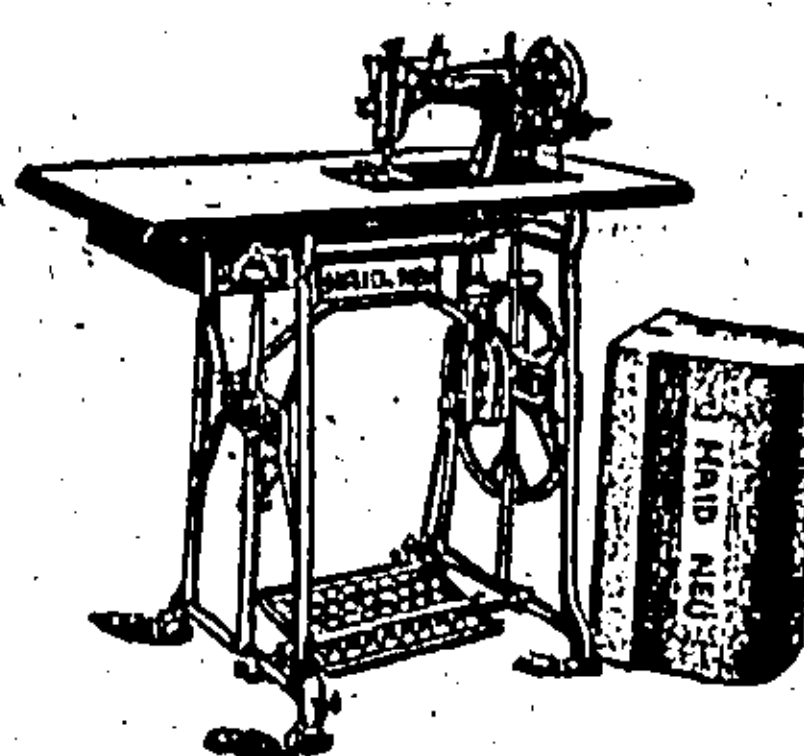
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CALL FOR ECONOMY

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In moving the adoption of the report and accounts, the chairman apologised for the absence of Mr. David Jones, and expressed the great appreciation of the council in the continued interest that he takes in the affairs of the association.

He then said:—
This is our 27th annual meeting, and I am happy to say that our report and accounts are high-

a burden on trade—on the export trade in particular—that we cannot hope for any great revival until these very important items are brought down to a more reasonable basis, and until we receive this help and encouragement from the governing bodies we have not got a fair chance.

There are other matters bearing on this question of national economy, but there are just two which I will mention now. There is, first of all, the scale of wages in the sheltered occupations, which are too high, and must sooner or later be fixed at a lower level; and, secondly, the rate of postage, which should be brought down to pre-war rates. I have urged this postage question at previous annual meetings. How long are we to be kept waiting for a concession that will not only be a help to business, but would surely be a benefit to the Post Office?

Direct to Steamers
In this transition period, perhaps the greatest change has been

enable them to give some assistance in their freight rates. I refer, of course, to the Government rating relief, under which scheme I understand the railway companies receive the sum of approximately £3,333,333—and we would not forget the reductions in wages which railway workers have agreed to. These are steps in the right direction.

Other factors in this stage of transition are the more extended use of electricity and the greater concentration in industry. All of these movements properly handled will have an economic bearing on manufacturing—and that is what we must have if we are to regain our supremacy. With regard to safeguarding and protective duties, it is a matter of opinion as to how they affect our transport industry. Now, gentlemen, during this period of transition it is only reasonable to expect something in the nature of a temporary setback, but we can look with confidence to the future, firm in the belief that the trade improvement we are hoping for is not very far off. When we remember the toll of the war, the trouble and difficulties of the succeeding years, and the tremendous adjustments that have to be made, perhaps we have no right to be dissatisfied with our position to-day. It is worthy of note that the world's crop of wheat, sugar, cotton, &c., are all very large, and this factor should assist in speeding recovery.

Port Charges

Speaking briefly about things purely local, a shipping and forwarding agent is almost bound to think first of all of the Dock Board, that much criticised body, always in the limelight, as all such bodies usually are. It is not my intention to say anything about charges here. We are told the port charges are too high, that they compare unfavourably with other ports, but you will agree, gentlemen, that if anyone is posted on these matters and has interest in bringing down the port charges, it is our association. Still, we are without a direct representation of your association on the Board. Is it right? Would it not be in the interest of the port and the Dock Board to have a representative from our association. Your council is of the unanimous opinion that we should have been represented on the Board years ago, and we propose taking definite steps in an endeavour to attain this object as soon as a favourable opportunity offers. You are represented on the Chamber of Commerce by three members of your council, and we can always count on the Chamber's support and influence when occasion arises.

Our relationship with the railway companies and steamship companies continue to be of the best, and the influence of your association is of great value in these quarters at all times.

I feel sure the reports of all our council meetings, which are circulated among our members regularly, are much appreciated, and they keep everyone posted as to what is going on. Here may I suggest that we should like our members to communicate their views to the secretary on any of the topics mentioned in these reports, and to bring before the council's notice, any suggestions or difficulties that may crop up from time to time. It is only by so doing that the full

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Went Down With His Ship

Captain William Carey, veteran of 40 years at sea, who went down with the ship he commanded, the ill-fated British a.s. "Vestria."

ly satisfactory. Before, however, proceeding to the formal business we have before us, may I be privileged in occupying your time with a few comments on matters which, to my mind, concern this association and its work, and at the same time are of some importance to the shippers and forwarders all over the country. Twelve months ago, when I had the honour of presenting our last annual report, I remarked on the improved relationship between employer and employee. That has continued during this year, and with at least one important good result—we have had another year of peace in industry.

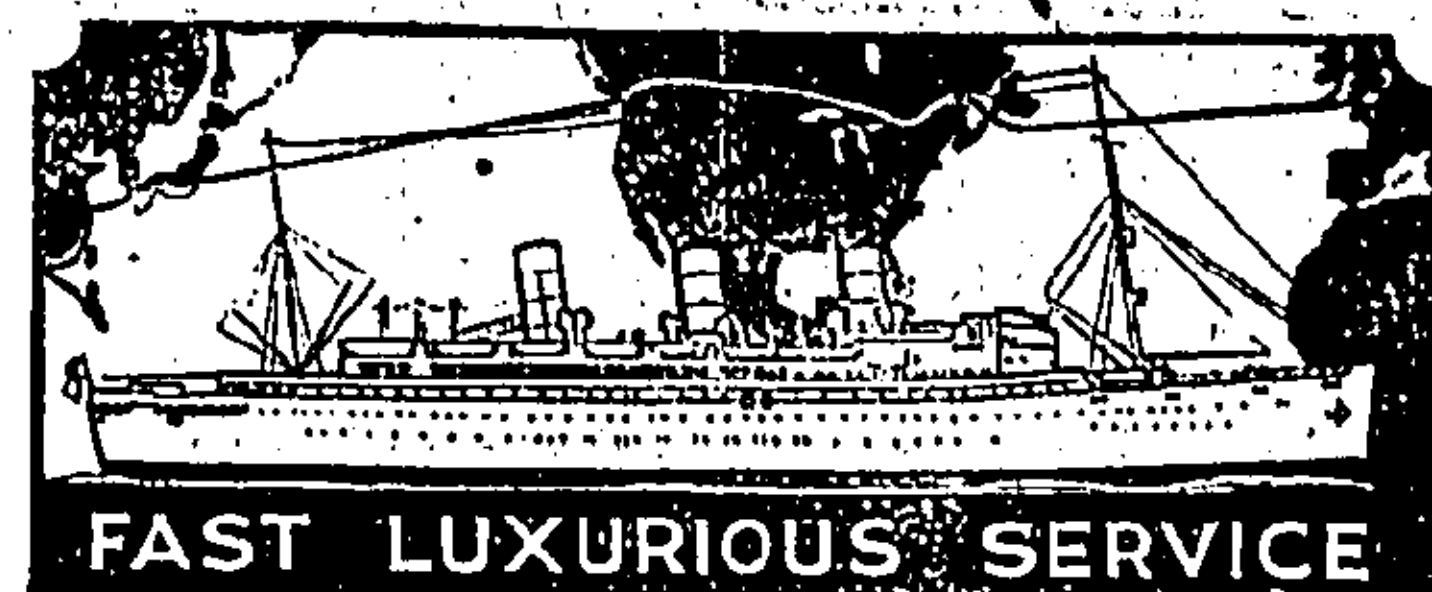
It may be said that trade shows no great improvement, and this is true with regard to most of the basic industries, but we can be quite certain that the better relationship is of paramount importance in assisting the recovery so long delayed. It strikes me we are passing through a transition stage very slowly. I suggest we are not as a nation working hard enough, and we are living too extravagantly, which, in the long run, means that our services, whether it be in manufacture, transport or distribution, are not cheap enough to enable us to compete with other countries for the overseas trade.

Government Economy Urged
Now, gentlemen, extravagance is a very bad thing. It is bad in a Government, in a corporation, and in an individual—and once it becomes a habit it is one of the most difficult things to change. My own opinion is that our Government and municipalities should set the public a good example by economising by ceasing to embark on schemes involving heavy expenditure of public money, and by assisting traders by a reduction in taxes and rates, which are very much too high and constitute a terrible hindrance to our recovery. You will all agree, gentlemen, on the importance of the directors and managers of business keeping an eye on overhead expenses. They can control them to a large extent, but this is not such an easy matter with rates and taxes. These constitute such

taking place in inland transport. Before the war we had only our railways and canals, but to-day we find the motor transport companies here, there, and everywhere. Had it not been for them, I wonder where we should be to-day, both in the matter of service and rates. We owe the motor transport companies a lot, and I am sure they will always have an important place to fill. They have made the railway companies see some of their weaknesses, with the result that where improvements are possible, either in the matter of despatch, or facilities, they are being made. In this connection, as a result of a conference with the railway representatives, your council agreed to recommend members of the association to authorise the railway companies to deliver consignments direct to steamers, immediately on arrival in Liverpool, and while we recognise the difficulties of doing this in all cases, we hope our members will fall in line wherever possible.

This is, of course, a matter that each individual firm must deal with in the way that suits them best. Our businesses, gentlemen, are so bound up with the question of transport, both by land and sea, and the success of our export trade is so very dependent on the encouragement the transport companies hand out in the shape of low freights and good service, that we must all feel the necessity of receiving more help in this direction. In regard to the export trade, any shortening of hours or increase in wages means higher prices to the foreign buyer.

If we are to successfully meet the competition of our Continental neighbours, this country must face the inevitable, and readjust these matters, and the sooner the better. Our transport services constitute a very large proportion of the income and wealth of this country, and it is only by these services being in a position to make their contribution to the economic values of our manufacturing goods abroad that we can hope to improve our export trade. As regards the railways, some progress is being made which will

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Hong Kong, Singapore, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama are all somewhat proud, and justifiably so, of the eminent rank they hold among the world's greatest ports. Some facts revealed at a Royal Society of Arts lecture the other evening concerning London, the greatest port and market in the world, may therefore be of interest. The foundation of London's commercial supremacy is, of course, that all nations send their produce here to be sold. The lecturer, Mr. J. H. Estill, commercial manager of the Port of London Authority, disclosed that 25,000,000 tons of merchandise enter the Port yearly, that London deals with one-third of the total import and export trade of the United Kingdom, that the stock of tea in the Port is about 186,000,000 lb., valued with Customs duty at over £16,000,000, that the annual importation of ivory represents the tusks of about 2,500 elephants, that there are to-day 45,000 tons of tobacco in the Port, worth, including duty, £88,000,000. Cutler-street warehouse, he said, has an average stock of merchandise worth about £5,000,000. Thousands of tons of tea are stored there, besides carpets from Turkey, Persia, China, and also large quantities of Oriental curios, including gods from the four corners of the earth; in fact, said the lecturer, more goods are stored there than it is generally supposed are worshipped! In addition, there are carved ivory figures, bronzes, lacquer cabinets, silk and satin screens beautifully embroidered, vases and bowls of beaten brass, Japanese pictures, and ancient manuscripts from Persia and Mexico; also raw and waste silk, and silk and cotton piece goods from China, Japan and Bengal; the silk and cotton piece goods alone being equal to 5,250,000 yards, valued at over £650,000. Mr. Estill claimed that shipping and trade figures showed that the Port of London Authority's bold policy of extensions and improvements, involving an expenditure of £16,000,000, had been amply justified. In 1927 the net register of vessels entering and leaving had grown to the huge figure of 52,500,000 tons. This is over 14,000,000 tons more than when the Authority was constituted in 1909—"China Express and Telegraph."

CONVENTION ACT

It is notified in the Hong Kong "Government Gazette" that an Order-in-Council has appeared, postponing the coming into effect of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act of 1914 until Jan. 1, 1930.

NAVAL MOVEMENTS

H.M.S. "Cumberland," one of the China Squadron cruisers, left Tourane (French Indo-China) yesterday for Singapore. H.M.S. "Magnolia," a sloop, arrived at Tsingtao (in Shantung province) from Shanghai.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "City of Madras" are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after Jan. 7.

PASSENGER LIST

ARRIVALS.

Passengers by this s.s. "Sura Maru" due from Europe to-morrow are:—

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Butcher, Master A. S. Butcher, Mr. and Mrs. da Silva-Mendes, Mr. J. Q. P. da Silveria, Rev. J. E. Dietrichs, Mr. A. H. Fenwick, Mr. H. A. Field, Rev. and Mrs. T. C. Gibson, Miss A. A. Gibson, Miss E. C. Gibson, Miss A. O'Hara, Miss E. O'Hara, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rochester, Mr. and Mrs. E. Teichman, Mr. J. C. A. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. N. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. J. Crookdake, Mr. and Mrs. T. Crookdake, Mr. A. O. Hyland, Miss C. D. Malcolm, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Needham, Miss J. E. Needham, Mr. and Mrs. C. G. G. Pearson, Master D. G. M. Pearson, Master J. S. O. Pearson, Master W. M. Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Wilkinson, Mr. K. Ando, Mr. S. Hibino, Mr. K. Nakane, Mr. S. Nishikawa, Mr. T. Sakamoto, Mr. K. Takahata, Mr. H. Tsutsumi, Mr. S. Doi, Mr. I. Fukasawa, Mr. T. Fukumi, Mr. K. Hamamoto, Mr. S. Hirota, Mr. G. F. Hudson, Mr. R. Ikeda, Mr. H. Iwasaki, Mr. S. Kawakita, Dr. and Mrs. R. Klein-schmidt, Mr. K. Kodama, Mr. G. Kurata, Mr. U. Mayeda, Miss T. Mayeda, Mr. T. Ohta, Miss M. E. Pidorit, Mr. and Mrs. S. Sakamoto, Master K. Sakamoto, Mrs. M. Watanabe, and Mrs. Y. Yano.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. s.s. "Malwa" from Hong Kong arrived Marseilles yesterday noon.

The B.I. s.s. "Taima" left Amoy for this port yesterday afternoon, and is due here this afternoon.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of France" arrived at Kobe yesterday at 2.30 p.m., left Kobe to-day at 6 a.m., and is due at Woosung on Monday at 8 a.m. She leaves Woosung on Monday at 6.30 p.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia," Capt. A. J. Hosken, R.N.R., will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama, at noon on Jan. 9.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kidderpore" left Singapore for this port on Thursday at 7 a.m., and is due here on Jan. 10 at about 6 a.m.

The M.V. "Nippon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Dec. 24, and is due here on or about Jan. 31.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" left Suez on Jan. 1 at 7 p.m., is due at Bombay on Jan. 10 at 7 a.m., and is expected here on Feb. 13 at 8 a.m.

Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:—

Arrivals at Hong Kong
S.S. "Leverbank," from New York, January 6.

S.S. "City of Bedford," from New York, January 8.

S.S. "City of Pekin," from Europe, January 25.

S.S. "Polaris," from New York, February 1.

Sailings from Hong Kong
S.S. "Leverbank," Boston, New York and Baltimore, January 6.

S.S. "City of Bedford," Shanghai, January 9.

S.S. "City of Lahore," Straits, Colombo, London, Rotterdam and Hamburg, January 9.

S.S. "City of Pekin," Shanghai and Japan ports, January 26.

S.S. "Polaris," Saigon, February 8.

FORWARDING

(Continued from Page 4.)

benefits of your association can be realized. That annual report, which has now been in your hands for some time, contains an account of this year's work, and I think it points to the fact that your council has not been idle. The balance-sheet too, may be considered very satisfactory. Before closing my remarks, may I be permitted to express my deep appreciation of the help and sympathy of all the members of the council, and also to say a word of thanks to our able secretary, Mr. Leslie Jude, whose untiring energy and great willingness at all times has made my work very easy.

I now beg to move the adoption of the report and accounts as presented.

Mr. G. C. Horton, vice-chairman, having seconded the adoption of the report and balance-sheet, the resolution was carried unanimously.

Elected to Council

The secretary (Mr. S. L. Jude) announced that in accordance with the articles of association no members were due to retire this year, but that Mr. Mills had resigned, and there were two other vacancies on the council. On the proposition of Mr. Walton seconded by Mr. Ingis, Mr. J. Ferrin (Messrs. S. H. Lock and Co.) was elected to Mr. Mills' place on the council.

Mr. Bower proposed and Mr. Brown seconded a vote of thanks to the auditors, Messrs. O. Alexander and T. T. Inglis, and their re-election for the coming year was carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks to the president, chairman, and vice-chairman proposed by Mr. Hughes and seconded by Mr. Flounders, was carried with acclamation, as was also a vote of thanks to the secretary, proposed by the vice-chairman, seconded by Mr. Adams, and supported by the chairman.

After the chairman and vice-chairman had briefly responded, the meeting terminated.

HONG KONG TIDE.

The tide-table given below has been obtained by aid of the Tide-predicting Machine, which includes 40 components for the better prediction of tides from the result of the analysis of the tidal observations, taken at the Kaulung tidal observatory under the direction of Dr. Hoberck during the years 1887, 1888 and 1889.

The times and heights are given for Kaulung; but they may be used for the Victoria Naval Yard and Aberdeen, the differences being very small. The times of high and low water must not be considered to coincide with the times of slack-water and change of current, the two phenomena being quite distinct.

January 4 to 10, 1929.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOWER WATER
JAN.	Standard Times	Standard Times
Fri. 4	m 4 24	m 10 28
Sat. 5	m 5 45	m 9 07
Sun. 6	m 6 15	m 11 11
Mon. 7	m 7 08	m 1 13
Tues. 8	m 8 13	m 2 10
Wed. 9	m 9 17	m 3 14
Thurs. 10	m 10 28	m 4 18

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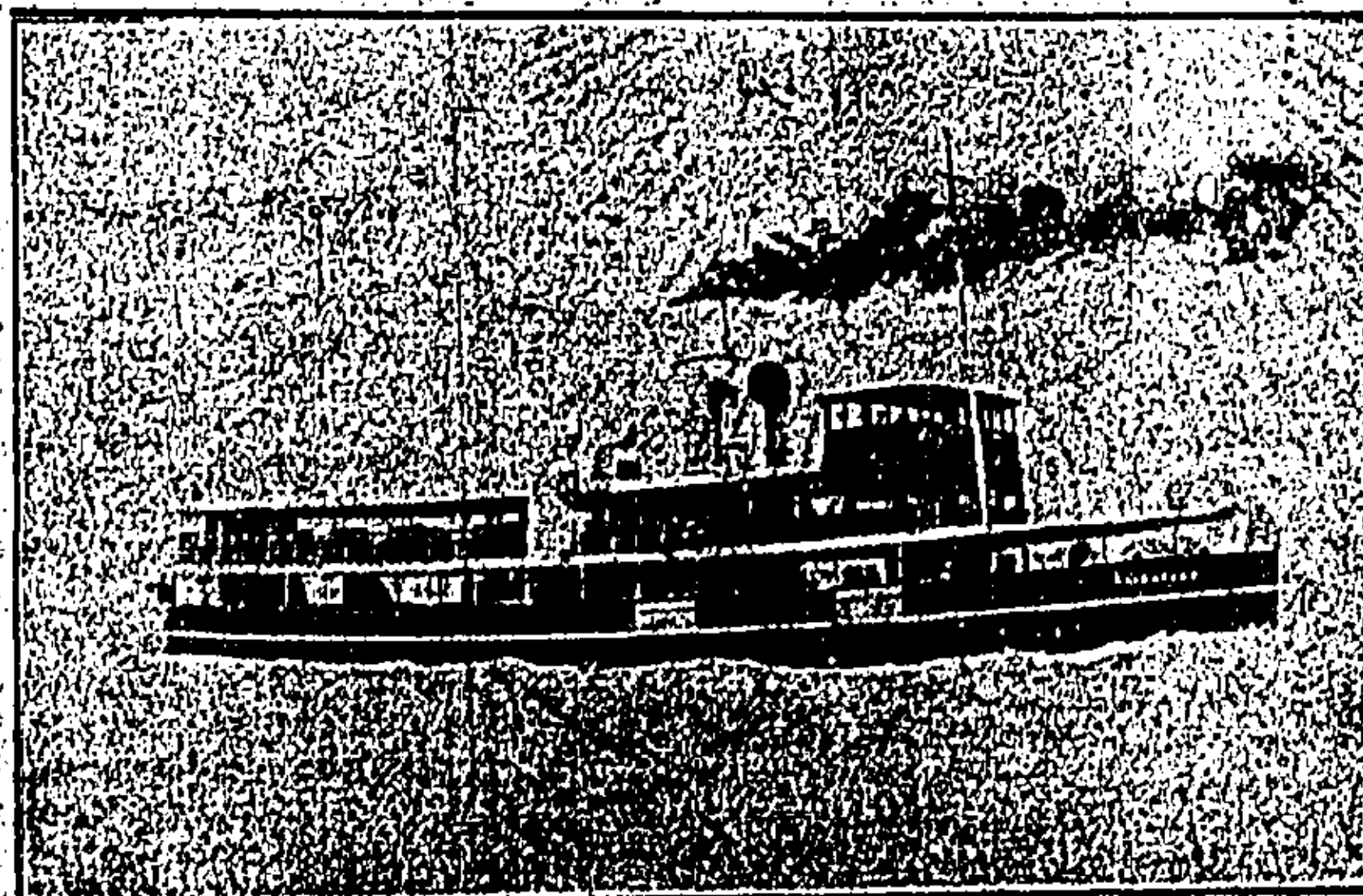
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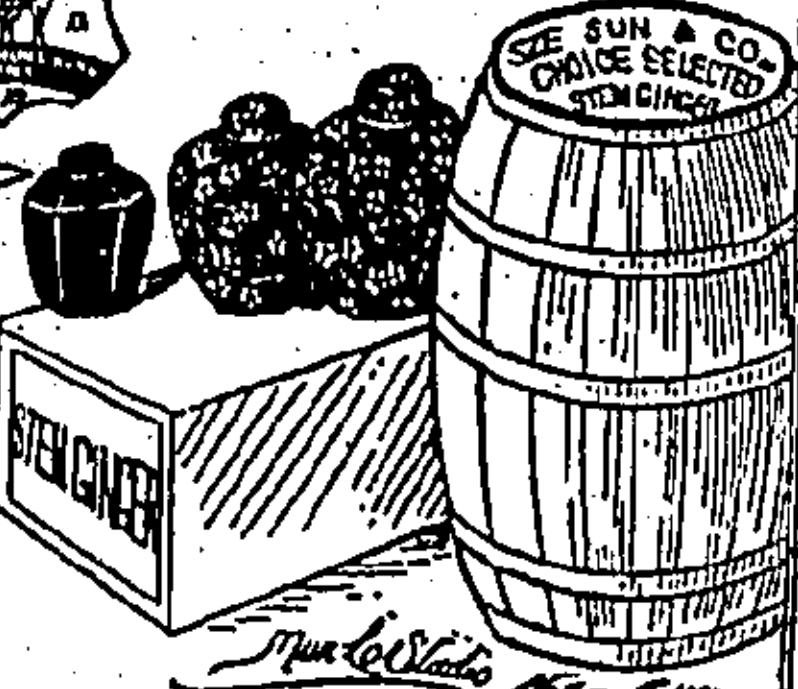
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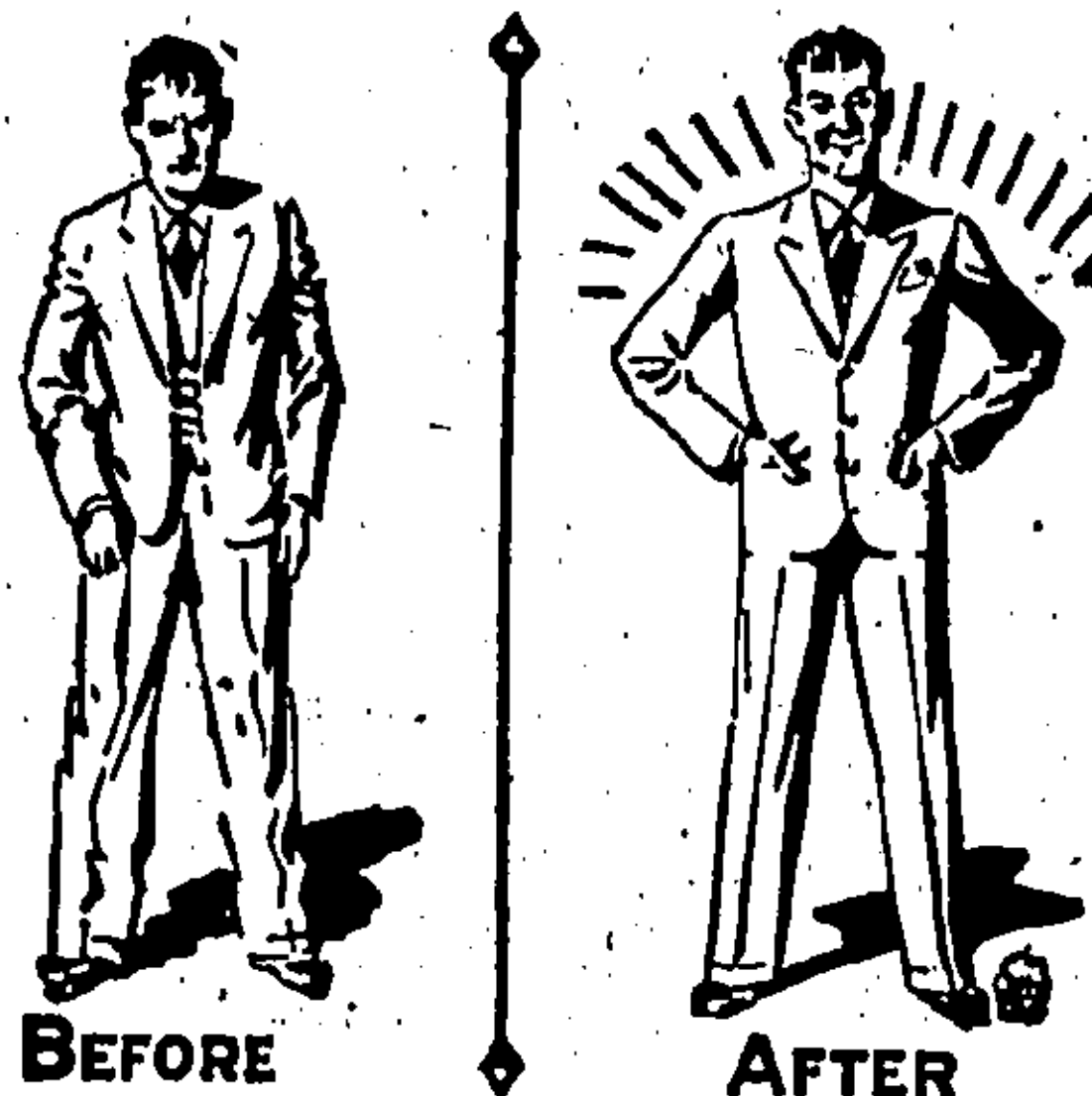
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STILL WATERS

The advent of
Exit the New Year
"Rattlers" has seen the exit,
at long last, of
the "rattlers" as the small buses
in Kowloon were appropriately
termed. One had only to ride in
one of the fine big buses on the
Hong Kong side, and then sample
a "rattler" in Kowloon, to appre-
ciate the mighty difference be-
tween the two. Moreover, the
No. 2 route "rattler" was always
more or less of a nightmare owing
to always being permitted to get
overcrowded near Mongkok on the
way out to Lai-chikok. It was
only sheer good luck that saved
one or more of them from toppling
over. And passengers had in-
variably to alight at the Bus
Company's depot on the journey
from the Ferry to permit of a
fresh supply of petrol. Now
they are gone, and nobody who
has to travel any distance in Kow-
loon will feel a bit sorry.

There is still a
Cleaner Cars difference be-
tween the buses
in Hong Kong and those in Kow-
loon, and that is in the matter of
cleanliness. On the Kowloon side
many of the buses look as if they
were suffering from the drought
in common with a great many
other things. Why they cannot
be brushed out, and the windows
and so forth dusted at each ter-
minus, the travelling public
would like to know. Furthermore,
with the small-pox epidemic rag-
ing, why cannot the conductors
of the buses on both sides of the
harbour be provided with Lillaco
or Lotol sprays and thus keep
them disinfected? The buses are
not always full and the conduc-
tors are not for ever punching
tickets and taking in cash. Why
not make them keep their buses
clear of dust and germs? Now
that the Tramways Company has
taken over the business of the
Kai Tak Company, may we look to
it to set the example in Kowloon?

For the first time
A Lady Mrs. Southorn, wife
Orator of His Excellency the
Governor, graced the
children's New Year's Day sports
at the Kowloon Cricket Club with
her presence. What was more,
she made a simple little speech
quite extempore, every word of
which could be heard and under-
stood even by the tiny tots. It
is good to see that even in this
Colony the ladies are coming into
their own in the matter of public
speaking and that no longer are
their listeners treated merely to a
feebly ejaculated "Thank You!"
on being the recipient of a bou-
quet of flowers or a vote of
thanks at prize distributions.
May it be also hoped that certain
of our men friends will profit by
the example of Mrs. Southorn and
restrain in future from reading
what they have got to say at
public gatherings?

From observa-
A Torn Page tion it would
appear that the
public reading room at the City
Hall Library is being much more
frequented than was the case,
say, three or four years ago. In-
deed, at certain parts of the day
one cannot always make sure of
getting a seat or a glance at the
particular paper or periodical one
wants. It is regrettable, how-
ever, to find that some members
of the public do not respect the
privileges of a free reading room.
It is invariably found that one
particular page of the overseas
"Daily Sketch" is torn out, evi-
dently because it contains a cross-
word puzzle! This is a selfish and
mean form of vandalism, and it is
to be trusted that it will cease.
Others besides the vandals may
be equally interested in the par-
ticular page mentioned, so why
should they be deprived of the
pleasure of reading it?

Most folk who
An Overhaul patronise the
Wanted Library at the
City Hall will
agree that it is high time that it
received a thorough overhaul.
Some of the shelves look as if the
books had been thrown back any-
how, whilst many of the books
require not only dusting but re-
pairing and rebinding. A stranger
going into the Library for the
first time would be pardoned for
concluding that he had stepped
into the "Old Curiosity Shop" in-
stead of a Library maintained by
a Government that prides itself
on being abreast of the times. If
a Colony can be judged by its
Library and Reading Room, what
form of Hong Kong! There are
surely some real book enthusiasts
in the Government Service to
whom could be allotted the plea-
surable task of devoting a few
hours each week ("during office
hours") to bringing both the
Library and Reading Room into
a state of pristine glory.

When Dr. Well-
ington, the new Direc-
tor of Public Health,
"Head" arrives and assumes
duty, it is to be
trusted that he will see that the
Sanitary Board has a permanent
Chairman. The present system of
pitchforking any Cadet into this

Important post has nothing what-
ever to recommend it. It is a
wonder that some of our public
officials have done so well in the
past on being entrusted with the
administration of the whole Sanitary
Department. But the
system is not fair to those to
whom the science of modern sani-
tation and hygiene is a dead
letter, for they have got to be
guided by the permanent staff of
inspectors. The Municipalities in
the Straits Settlements have each
their permanent President ap-
pointed by the Government.
Until such time as Hong Kong has
its Municipal Council, too, the
head of the Sanitary Board should
be appointed permanently. Then
would our multifarious sanitary
and public health problems be
given a genuine opportunity to
be tackled as they ought to be
tackled.

Although disas-
trous to the occu-
pied dwellings, the fire that
destroyed eleven
small houses of the matched type
at Shamshui last Friday night
(or "before midnight on Saturday-
morning," as our junior morning
contemporary quaintly put it)
should be welcomed as distinctly
affecting a "slum area," tiny
though it was. The matched
houses and brick dwellings were
far too closely huddled together
to be healthy, whilst the constant
pools and quagmires were a grave
menace—and an encouragement
to the breeding of mosquitoes,
which are reported to be "terri-
ble" in this particular neighbour-
hood, in spite, even, of the cold
snap. Before the builders get
busy again on the site of the fire,
the whole place will have to be
put in a proper state of sani-
tation. And whilst they are about
it the Sanitary Board people
might do worse than make an in-
spection of another collection of
matcheds in the same vicinity,
near a ginger factory.

Some of the
Initials Free terrors of vac-
cination, in the
minds of children, are being re-
moved. During the present
campaign of free vaccination
some of the children are having
their initials stencilled, or en-
graved, or pricked with the vac-
cination needle. They have only
to display these proudly to their
playmates for the latter to begin
to clamour to be similarly "tat-
toed." Should the system be-
come common there should be
fewer lost kiddies in future, for
on a stray child being found all
the Police have to do is to look at
the vaccination marks for the lost
one's initials—a clue that should
lead to speedier restoration to dis-
tracted parents! And should any
of these same kiddies wander
from the path in a different sense
when they grow older those vac-
cination initials might prove a
very good complement of—finger
prints! An idea right away for
the very next "best seller" if
some local novelist will only take
the hint—and let us share in the
royalties.

If the Star Ferry
Drafts management is not
finished yet with
making "improvements" in the
shape of too narrow turnstiles and
so forth, will it consider "box-
ing" the seats on the Hong Kong side
to shut out the draughts? One
has only to wait a few minutes for
a Ferry on a cold, wind night to
realise how easy it is not only to
catch a common cold but a very
severe chill that might lead to
pneumonia or pleurisy. It would
require only the expenditure of
a few dollars to "box" the existing
seats and make Ferry patrons ap-
preciate the thoughtfulness of the
management.

If the Star Ferry
Parcels people wish to rise
still higher in public
estimation why should
it not instal a parcels office at
both the Hong Kong and Kowloon
sides? There is no central place
at present where shoppers can
leave parcels to be called for an
hour or two later, and few, if
any, would grudge paying five
cents per parcel or small trunk at
the Star Ferry Parcels Office. In
fact, the more the idea is explored
the more does it appeal to the
imagination both as a convenience
to the public and as a profit-
making affair for the Star Ferry.

The Master calmly uttered, as
if his paradoxes were platitudes,
the most amazing statements.
Love your enemies? The incredu-
lous respectable man says, "Love
my enemies? Why I often find
my friends very trying. How can
I love my enemies?" Even many
orthodox church members do not
take these remarks of Jesus
seriously. As a matter of
fact, the command to love our
enemies is eminently practical.
It is a remedy for a mental
disease; the remedy is not for
our enemies but for ourselves.
Jesus was thinking of us, not of
our enemies. — William Lyon
Phelps.

Dr. Arthur Woo has returned to
the Colony after six months' spent
abroad.

The Society of St. George,
Hong Kong, held their annual
ball in the City Hall last night.

Mr. Wong Kwong-tin has been
re-appointed a member of the
Sanitary Board for a further term
of three years.

Mr. M. Hassaram, proprietor of
the Bombay Silk Store, arrived
back in the Colony by the a.s.
"Morea," after spending a holi-
day in India.

The name of Dr. Yang Lin,
M.B., B.S. (Hong Kong), whose
address is given as Elid Hall, the
University, has been added to the
local medical register.

A warrant has been issued for
the arrest of Choy Cheung-oi,
said to be a shroff and partner of
Hop Hing Loong, No. 19 Chung
Ching-street, Hong Kong. He is
reported to have absconded with
\$1,790.

Yesterday afternoon Major C.
Willson, O.B.E., committed for
trial at the next Criminal Ses-
sions, a Sikh named Kam Singh,
on a charge of unlawful posses-
sion at the Tai Lo Tin hotel of 86
forged \$10 Hong Kong banknotes
and two rounds of ammunition.

Eighty-three samples were sub-
mitted to the Government
Analyst for examination during
the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1928.
These were divided under 11 head-
ings. All three samples of pepper
were found to be adulterated.
One out of 20 samples of milk was
declared to be adulterated.

H.E. the Officer Administering
the Government has consented to
hand to Drs. S. F. Li, C. K. Ma,
B. C. Wong and I. P. Woo, at
Government House, on Monday
next, at noon, Votes of Thanks
from the Order of St. John for
valuable services rendered by the
gentlemen named.

The health bulletin of Eastern
ports for the week ended Satur-
day last, issued by the Director
of Medical and Sanitary Services,
contains the following cases, the
figures in parenthesis indicating
deaths—Plague, Baghdad 2 (2);
Cholera, Negapatam (3), Tuti-
corin 39 (18), Bangkok 8 (1),
Saigon 3 (1); Small-pox, Basrah
3 (2), Bombay 3 (1), Negapatam
4, Pondicherry (2), Samarinda 3,
Saigon 2, Shanghai (12), Bagh-
dad 6 (1).

The British Legion (Hong
Kong Branch) reports that the
sum of £1,500 has been forwarded
to the Central Fund in London of
Earl Haig's Fund for Ex-Servicemen
and their dependants, as the
result of the appeal, which was
made through the sale of Poppies,
etc., on November 11 last. In
addition, Demand Drafts for £30,
£47 and £2, being contributions
from residents in Swatow,
Wuchow and Hoihow, are also
being sent home. A full state-
ment will be forwarded for pub-
lication in the near future.

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Johannesburg. — The South
African Government is re-
ported to have sold a quan-
tity of diamonds from the Nama-
qualand diamond field to a dia-
mond syndicate for £1,134,000.
Government officials are very
reticent.

The diamond field is at
Alexander Bay, near the mouth of
the Orange River. The South
African Government has already
recovered 26,000,000 of diamonds
from this sandy waste.

It is surrounded by a barbed
wire and closely meshed fence
7ft. high. Inside there is another
high enclosure where the men en-
gaged in recovering the diamonds
are more closely guarded than
convicts. Anyone approaching
the diamond field is liable to be
shot at sight.

The gems are carried two or
three times a week by aeroplane
to Cape Town, where the pilots
hand them over to an armed
guard.

HERRING CATCH
LARGE INCREASE IN EAST
ANGLIA

A large increase in the catch
of herrings landed at East
Anglian ports is recorded in the
return of the Board of Agricul-
ture and Fisheries, the figures
given for the week ended Nov. 28
being more than double those for
the corresponding week of 1927.
The quantities numbered 13,660
crans, compared with 5,853 crans
in the corresponding week of last
year, an increase of 8,007 crans.
The total catch from Sept. 1 to
date was 830,410 crans, compared
with 670,876 crans in the same
period of last year.

CHINESE COUPLE

HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL
WEDDING

THE DEAN OFFICIATES

The marriage of Miss May
Yvonne Lynn of San Francisco
and Mr. Lai Kwong-tsun of Shang-
hai took place on Dec. 22, at the
Trinity Cathedral. The Very
Rev. A. C. S. Trivet, Dean of the
Cathedral, officiated.

Miss Lynn is the daughter of
Mr. Lynn Sing, a prominent Chi-
nese merchant of San Francisco,
and Mrs. Lynn Sing. Miss Lynn's
family are all in the United
States but she came back on a
visit to her uncles, Capt. Arthur
F. Lynn, and Mr. Alfred S. Lee, in
Shanghai.

Mr. Lai is the son of Mr. and
Mrs. Lai Hoi-san of Shanghai,
since his return from America, he
has been on the staff of the Na-
tional Commercial and Savings
Bank, Ltd. The young couple
met in America when they were
both university students.

Gordon Lum Best Man

The bride was given away by
her uncle, Mr. Alfred S. Lee. Mr.
Gordon Lum (Lum Po-wah), the
well-known tennis player, attend-
ed the bridegroom.

Miss Elizabeth Ma, daughter
of Dr. and Mrs. Ma Soo, acted as
maid-of-honour.

The bridegroom's mother, Mrs.
Lai Hoi-san, and his sister, Mrs.
Chow, went down from Tientsin
to attend the ceremony in Shang-
hai.

Both the wedding and the re-
ception, which was given in the
Sun Hotel, were largely at-
tended by foreign and Chinese
friends of the couple.

Mr. and Mrs. Lai are returning
to Hong Kong shortly to live
here. — (Photo on page 7).

AIR CHIEF CRASHES

SIR E. ELLINGTON
INJURED

Baghdad, Iraq. — Air Vice-
Marshal Sir Edward L. Ellington
was injured in an air accident
while flying from Baghdad to
England.

Sir Edward, who is 50, will
succeed Air Marshal Sir John
Salmond as Air Officer Command-
ing-in-Chief, Air Defence
of Great Britain. Since November
1926 he has commanded the Brit-
ish Forces in Iraq.

His A.D.C. piloted the aero-
plane in which he left Baghdad.
Fog necessitated a landing near
the River Euphrates. The ground
was heavy and the aeroplane
turned a somersault.

The pilot was unhurt, but Sir
Edward was slightly bruised and
shaken. He was taken to
Ramadi, on the Euphrates, by car
and then 70 miles by air to
Baghdad R.A.F. Hospital.
He is making excellent pro-
gress, but will probably remain
in Baghdad about a week.

"THE SQUEAKER"
PROTECTING THE GERMAN
ACTOR

"Please post £1,000 for police
to hold" was the startling mes-
sage received from Berlin recent-
ly by Mr. Edgar Wallace, who was
signing a lease of the Kuenster
Theatre in Berlin to produce "The
Squeaker" there.

The money is held by the police,
whoever be the producer, and is
an insurance that the actors will
not be left stranded.

"It is the general practice in
Germany, and a very good prac-
tice," said Mr. Wallace. "I should
like to see it in force here."
"The Squeaker," which has been
running at the Comedy Theatre,
was produced in Brooklyn (New
York) and had an enthusiastic
reception.

"I have always wanted my own
production in Germany," said Mr.
Wallace, "but there has been a
difficulty about getting the right
kind of theatre. 'The Squeaker'
should have a revolving stage.
A scene has to be changed in full
view of the audience."

CAPT. VANCOUVER

ASHES MAY REST IN LAND
NAMED AFTER HIM

Vancouver. — Plans are under
way, sponsored by the local Cana-
dian Club, for the removal from
Petersham, Surrey, of the re-
mains of Captain George Van-
couver, who visited the site of
this city in 1792 and after whom
the city was named. His ashes
will rest under a monument to be
erected in his memory.

The British Columbia Agent-
General in London has been asked
to open negotiations with the Brit-
ish Government and any rela-
tives that may be living.
"A great navigator and a pupil
of Captain Cook, with whom he
made two voyages as midship-
man, George Vancouver went to
Vancouver on a mission from the
British Government in 1791 and
returned in 1795, dying three
years later at the age of 40."

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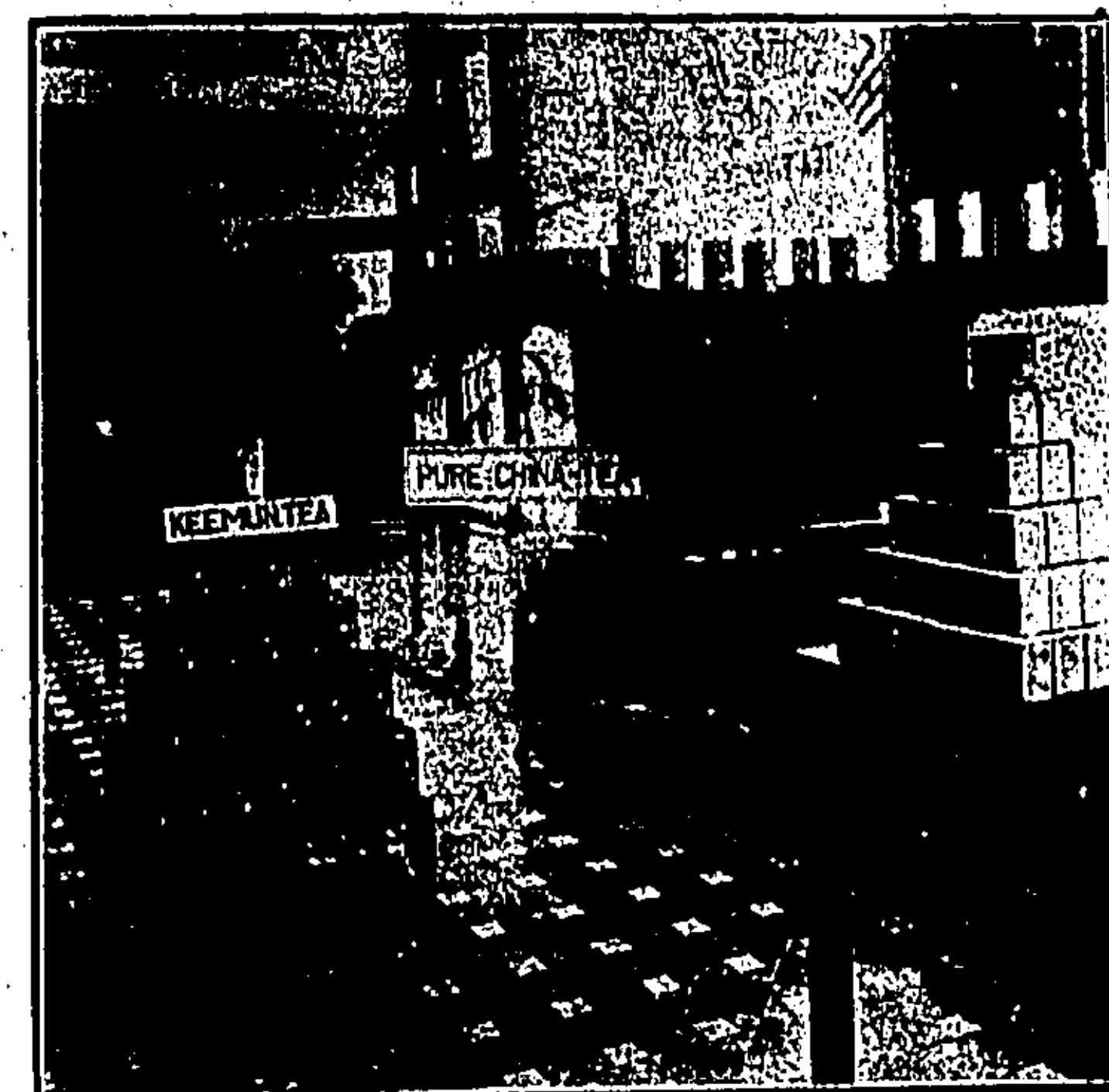
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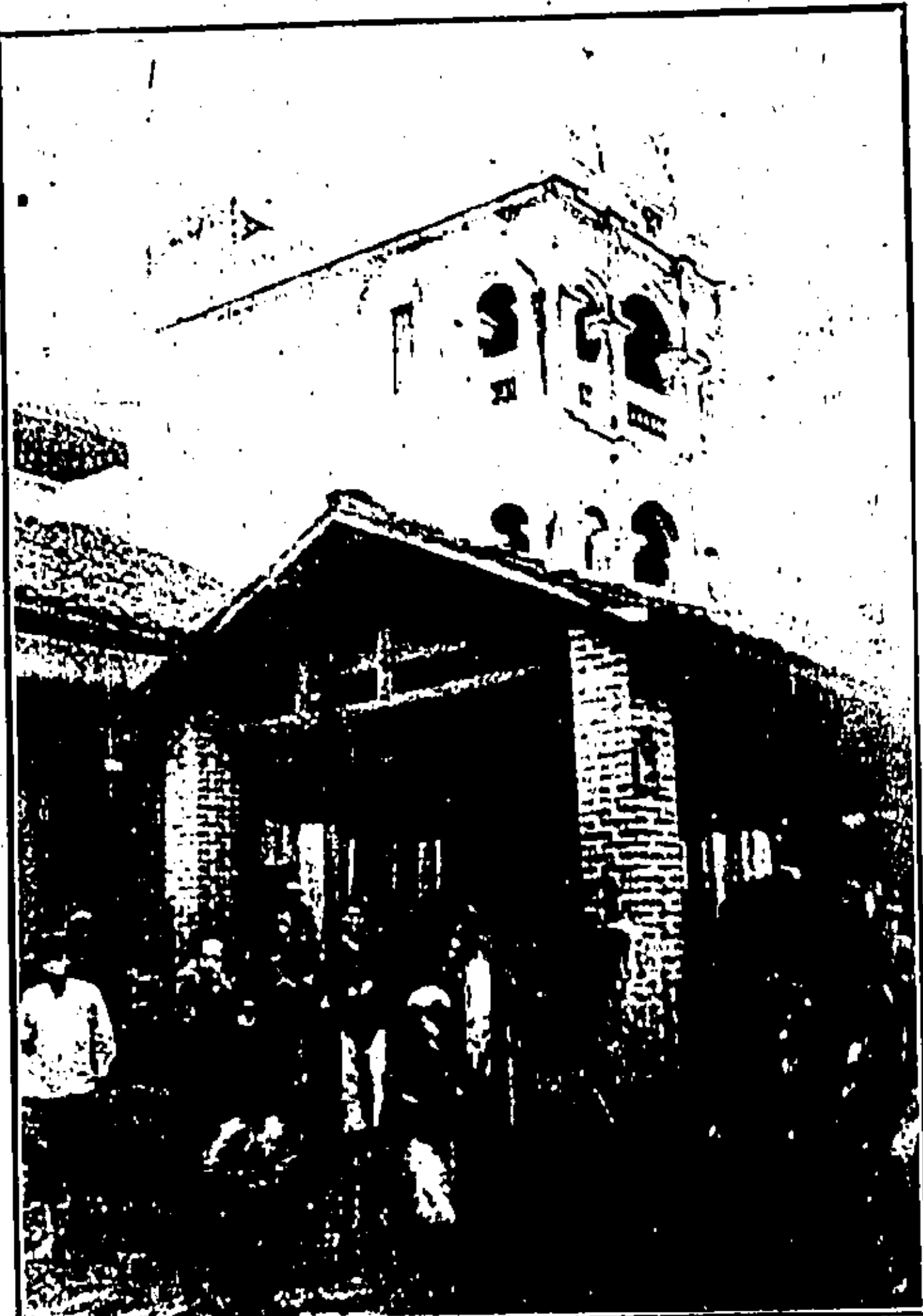
AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL, SHANGHAI.—The wedding of Mr. Lai Kwong-tsun and Miss May Yvonne Lim of San Francisco. Left to right, the Misses Helen Tom and Ruby Ow-Yang (flower-girls), Miss Elizabeth Ma (maid of honour), the bridegroom, the bride, Mr. Gordon Lum, the Chinese player in the Davis Cup tennis (best man), the Misses Barbara Lee and Florence Lee (flower-girls). Dean Trivett officiated.—(See report on page 6).



AT FANLING.—One of the large crowd of local golfers who make the Sunday morning trip to the popular course at Fanling.—(K. Fujiyama).



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PROOF OF PROGRESS.—The leading place of business in Taipingfu, on the Upper West River, in Kwangsi, through which Dr. A. Cannon and Mrs. Cannon of Hong Kong passed in their travels. The house is Chinese-built. Members of the white race are rare sights here. Not far away from Taipingfu, an A.P.C. man was killed a few years ago.—(Strict copyright).



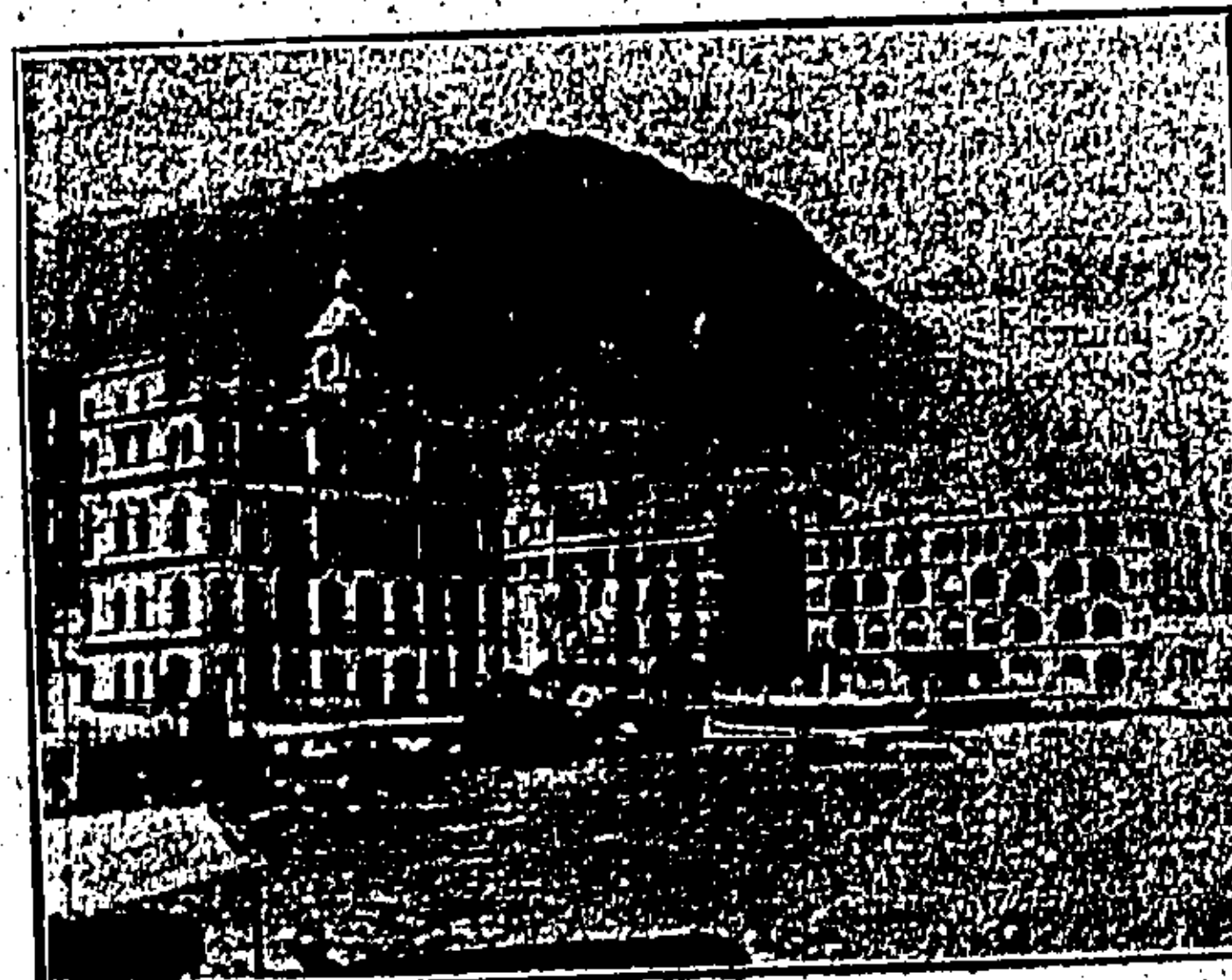
HELD ON BOXING DAY.—The sports for the children of the staff of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha.—(K. Fujiyama).



LANDING PLACE.—What the mighty West River looks like at Taipingfu, in Kwangsi province. The "reception" crowd were photographed by Dr. A. Cannon and Mrs. Cannon in their travels during the strike-boycott. The U.S. flag is flying over the motor-boat "Boston" which gave the travellers a lift.—(Strict copyright).



WHERE PIRATES FOUND SHELTER.—Banks of the Upper West River, between Lungchow and Taipingfu, where the water is only accessible to small craft. The banks range from 500 to 800 feet high. In caves near the river level (which can be seen on close inspection), pirates used to find shelter until quite recently when they were dislodged by the Kwangsi Government.—(Strict copyright).



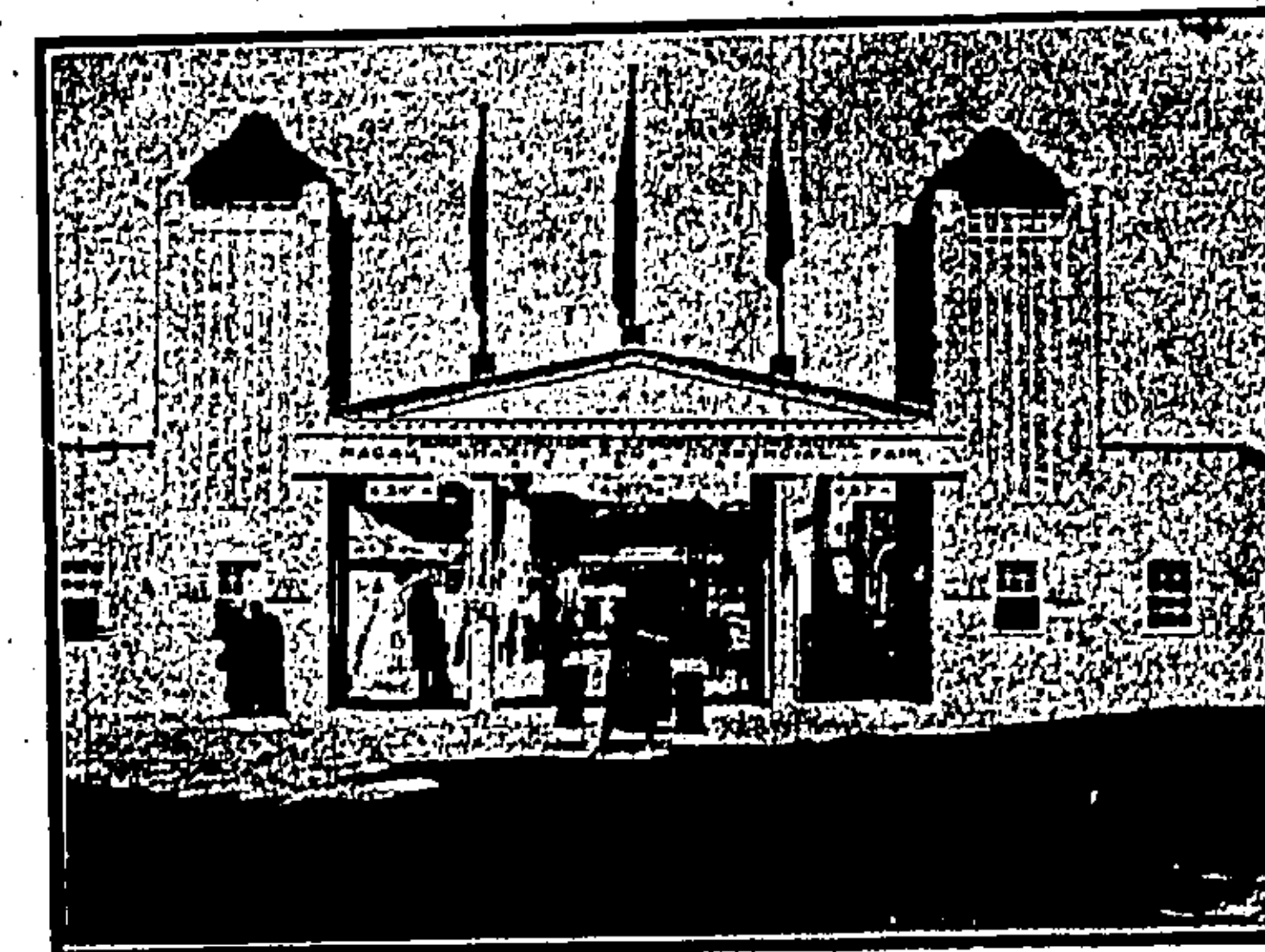
CENTRAL PRAYA.—Showing both sides of Statue-square, Hong Kong Club on the left and Queen's building on the right.—(Strict copyright).



ARMY OFFICER'S CHILD.—Whose parents are Major B. C. Lake, D.S.O., of the King's Own Scottish Borderers and Mrs. Lake.—(K. Fujiyama).



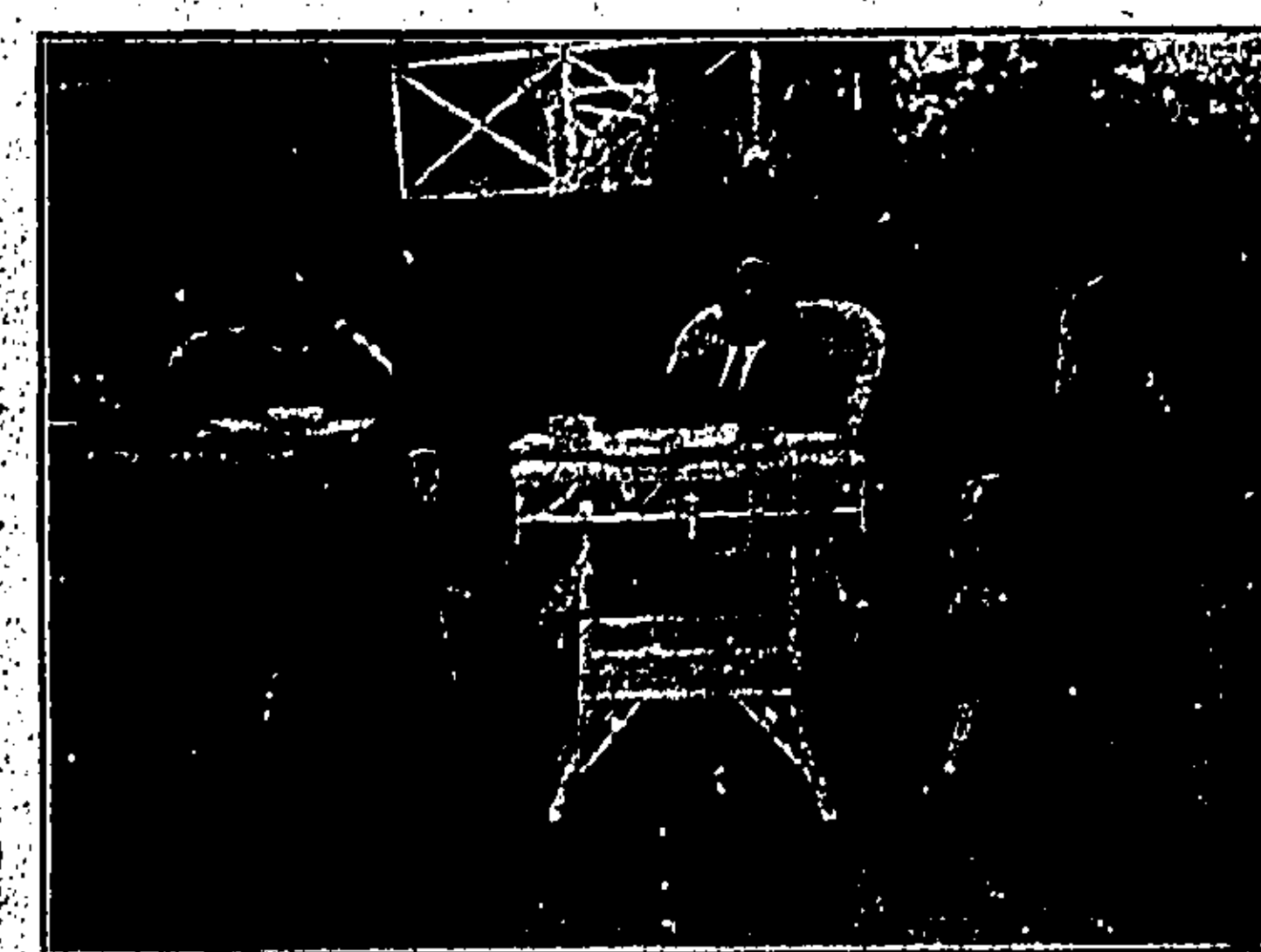
O.S.K. SPORTS.—Held for the children of the staff of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha on Boxing Day.—(K. Fujiyama).



MACAO FAIR.—The main entrance to the Macao Charity and Commercial Fair, which proved a great success.—(Po Man Lau).



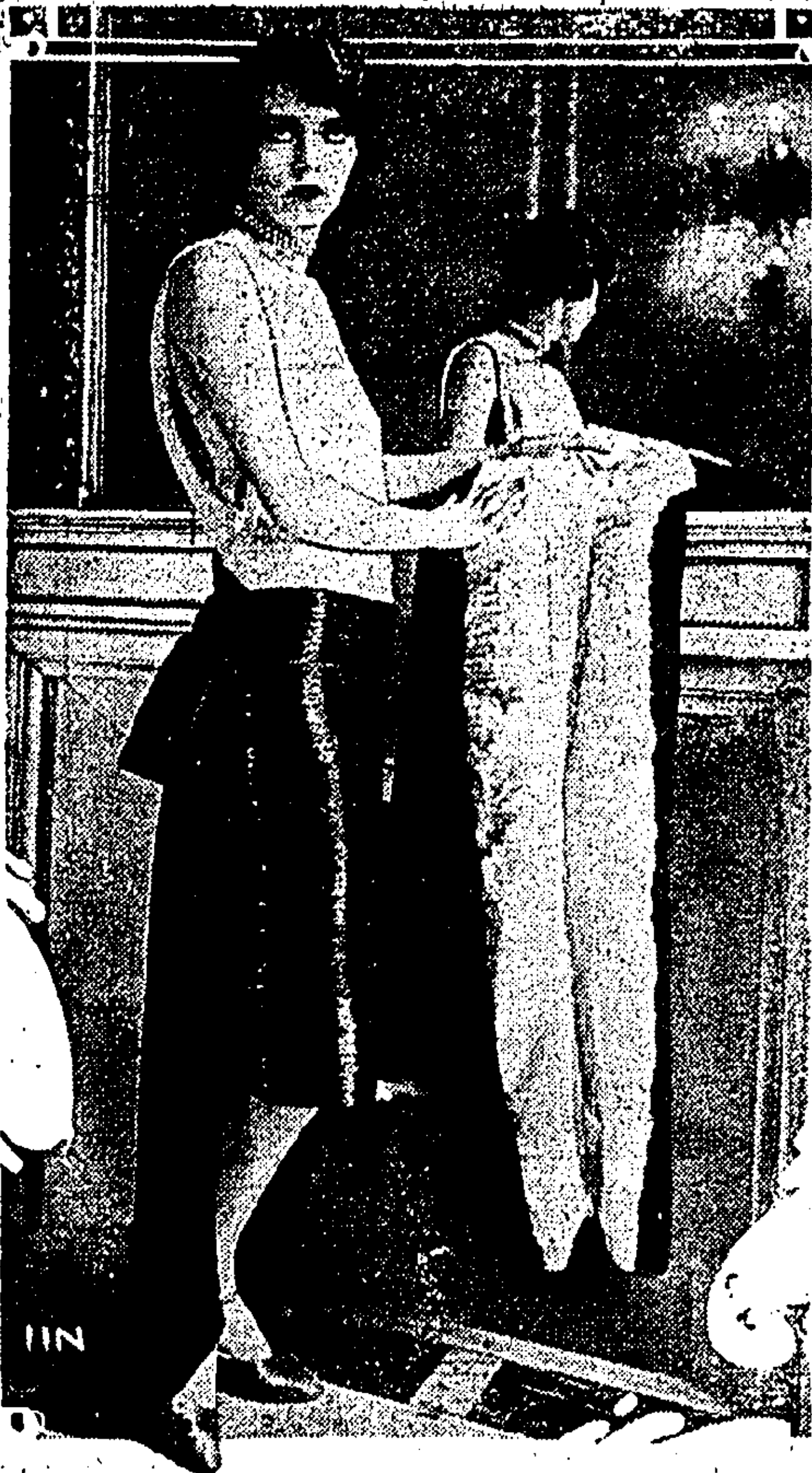
ROYAL HONG KONG GOLF CLUB.—Another of the Sunday morning visitors to the famous course at Fanling poses for the "China Mail" cameraman.—(K. Fujiyama).



IN FAR-OFF KWANGSI.—Taken during Dr. A. Cannon's travels in Lungchow. Left to right, Mr. Brazier, Mr. Cupell and Mrs. Cannon—taking tea at the residence of the Commissioner, Chinese Maritime Customs.

THE "MAIL'S" FASHIONS ILLUSTRATED

An Ermine-Lined Wrap



A smart, Parisian ermine-lined wrap. Notice the simplicity of the dress over which it is meant to be worn, a relief from the trend to over-adorn.

COOKING AS A PROFESSION

We hear a tremendous lot about careers for girls in these days, and whenever the subject is introduced into conversation various helpful people will straightway produce ideas on the subject which vary from working in a factory to becoming a doctor. There is one kind of work, however, which is often overlooked when careers are being discussed, and that is cooking, for many people seem to harbour all sorts of mistaken ideas on cooking as a career.

If you were to ask the average mother of a large family of girls which was the most suited to take up cooking as a profession, she would undoubtedly pick the dullest of the lot and also inform you that cooking as a profession wasn't too good!

The idea that brains are not a necessary attribute for a cook is one of the most popular fallacies among those who fail to realise that it is brain and creative genius that divides the plain cook from the culinary expert. Educational authorities, of course, realise this and it is because they have during the last few years studied foods and the cooking of foods, which they know serves to break up cells and fibres, and destroys micro-organisms, bringing out certain nutritive values and eliminating the non-nutritive qualities of the food, that cooking

is now quite an important subject on the school curriculum.

In spite of the fact that we are occasionally startled by the announcement that in so many years hence we will be able to purchase and consume our food in tabloid form, the preference for well-cooked and toothsome dishes seems to increase rather than diminish, and there is little doubt that the future will hold ample scope and opportunities for women in the higher grades of cookery.

Indeed, the scope it affords is one of the most attractive things about cookery as a career; the moderate exponent of the art may obtain a position varying in importance in a private household as a plain cook, while the more expert and highly-trained cook could make money in many ways such as lecturing, demonstrating, contributing articles to the Press, or even by obtaining a position as a chef in an hotel.

Many people do not regard the subject of cooking and of catering with sufficient regard for its importance. It is, after all, every bit as important as any other trade, and far more so than many, when one considers that feeding a body properly and adequately may prevent that body from becoming unhealthy and diseased.

A creative mind and a good imagination are very necessary to the woman who would become an expert cook, in addition to a capacity for hard work and an evenness of temperament.

THE EVENING MODE IS VARIED IN ITS APPEAL

Splendour for the Evening is the Accepted Ruling. A Variety of Fabrics Including Chiffons, Laces, Tulle, Satins and Velvets Are Seen in Sweeping Lines of Elegance.



The evening mode, while varied to the extreme, also shows the trend of the season towards feminine appeal in the splendour of its styles and fabrics. There is seldom anything to be found which might be termed "simple" in the group of formal gowns taking their inspiration from Paris models. The day of elegance is at hand and it is being demonstrated in many moods.

Among the newest features in formal gowns are found the use of stiff fabrics. These are decidedly formal in their appeal. They present a mode which gives a clean, sophisticated and most unusual silhouette. There is grace of movement, of course, but this takes second place to the beauty of fabric and the appeal to elegance in the gracefully designed lines. The stiff fabrics in velvet, satin, moire and tulle are found fashioning gowns which have succeeded to a great extent the robe de style of last season which depended upon bouffant lines for its appeal.

The formal gown of to-day stresses the appeal of elegance rather more than picturesqueness. There is a sweep and dash to these gowns of decided long lines with back fullness, trains, dipped hemlines and colour appeal in their gorgeous fabrics. The stately gown is at hand and those fashioned of heavy materials are its best representatives. It takes dignity and sophistication to attempt them.

Another type of evening gown

which will be much in evidence this winter is the glittering gown. Last season saw but few of this type and consequently this year makes them appear almost a novelty. Beaded fabrics, spangled and jetted materials vie with delicate fabrics which possess dazzling tracery or patches of brilliance in beautiful designs.

Gold and silver laces as well as colours which are combined with glittering threads contribute a colourful and scintillating effect in formal gowns. These in draped models or in the more formal groups which include trains present an almost regal aspect.

Gowns which flutter and swirl, which fall in lines of grace and express youth in their movement are to be found in chiffons and laces and tulle. The dipping hemline, the deep decolletage, the fitted bodice, the great fullness below the hips, back fullnesses, the use of fingerless shoulder straps and the length of limb are all featured in the sheer fabrics. Black tulle is newly chic when handled as it is this season with its bouffancy appearing well below the moulded hip lines. In chiffons, too, this rule creates the most interesting of models.

The princess line appears in new ways in the formal frocks of sheer velvets, satins and chiffons. Chiffon velvet, which clings so beautifully

to the figure, also falls with grace into circular panels, cascade effects and forms uneven hemlines of extreme beauty. While all these variations of the mode pronounce it new, the princess line remains subtly present as a successful background for the ingenuity of the Paris designer.

Fabrics in which rayon is present create other interesting gowns in which the successful handling of materials present an important item. Gracefully floating folds are obtained in velvet and rayon combinations which are also startlingly beautiful of themselves.

Between the very fragile fabrics and the newly stiff ones are to be found the velvets and crepe satins and these constitute a mighty number in the gracefully moulded types of gowns.

Billie Dove, seen in the First National motion picture, "The Night Watch," has need of many formal gowns in her social life in Hollywood and possesses those of fragile, fluttering appeal as well as the beautifully draping velvets and satins and the stiff, formal velvets, satins and moires.

Frock with a Dual Personality



One of the most pleasing of the popular afternoon and evening frocks to come from the Paris ateliers is this tulle creation by Jenny. The dress takes a bodice of black velvet, while tulle is applied under rosettes of the same material.

Smart Fur Ensemble



Again the fur ensemble. This time the jacket is of Russian caracul trimmed with black monkey, while the "wrap-around" skirt is entirely made of monkey skins.

Another New Ensemble



From the Rue de la Paix, this ensemble of oak coloured shaved lamb, an outfit consisting of coat, skirt, hat and muff. Notice the harmony of the ensemble.

UNSUITABLE FURNITURE

There is probably no more fascinating pastime for the newly married than choosing the furniture for their new house. One seldom visits an establishment where furniture is sold without seeing at least one young couple in the shop, gravely examining furniture, weighing the pros and cons, and sometimes, either by asking very silly questions or omitting to ask really vital and necessary ones, proclaiming to the observant their extreme inexperience!

Very often one imagines they are mere children, playing at being grown-up, and indeed some of them are little more than children when in the hands of an expert and, sometimes one fears, unscrupulous salesman.

It is on occasions like this when the advice and guidance of an older person would be useful, but, of course, such guidance is never, or at least seldom, either sought on the one hand, or offered on the other. Few young couples realise that such assistance is necessary, for now at last they have a chance of allowing their own ideas to have full sway, and the long looked for opportunity of pleasing themselves without interference and of watching their own pet schemes materialise is not to be spoiled by the seeking of advice from anybody!

Inexperience, however, is danger-

ous and sometimes things are purchased which are extravagant because of their unsuitability, and were it possible for newly married couples to borrow furniture for a year, at the end of that time it would be thankfully returned and furniture of a totally different kind bought.

Several young brides thought the one kind of dining table to have was one with a highly polished surface, and after a few months of fruitless endeavour to keep the shiny surface free from blemish, were glad to exchange the once precious table for something equally decorative but a little more durable and serviceable for hard wear and every day use.

The subject of household fittings and utensils is another which should be carefully considered before money is spent on them, and here again the advice of the experienced housekeeper could well be sought, for who knows better than she the annoyance and irritation caused by the horrible task of cleaning the silver and brasses!

That one "learns by experience" is, of course, well known, but it seems a pity that some people should so foolishly dispose of money which has probably taken a lot of saving, especially in these days, when, owing to the unsatisfactory economic industrial conditions, frequently young people have to wait quite a long time before they can be married, because of financial difficulties.

A NOTE ON SOAP

In many households small pieces of soap are frequently wasted and they are allowed to become sticky, unpleasant and consequently unusable. It is a good idea to save the odds and ends of toilet soaps of all kinds, put them in a jar and allow to dry. When a fair amount has accumulated, grate the pieces until small and put through a food chopper, using the medium cutter. Then take one cupful of the soap and add to it one and a half cupful of fine cornflour or oatmeal, and put this mixture through the food chopper again to reduce it to a coarse meal.

Then to each 2½ cupful of the soap mixture add one ounce of olive oil.

If mixed thoroughly and kept in a well-covered jar, this is very useful for keeping the hands soft and smooth, and invaluable for removing the dirt.

IF YOU DON'T WANT A COLD

Use "VAPEX" regularly for its remarkable protective power. Just a drop on the handkerchief each morning and an occasional inhalation of the vapour during the day suffices. "Vapex" and the germs of cold and flu cannot exist together.

CEILING STAINS

This time of the year when our uncertain climate provides us with one shock after another, it is no unusual thing for the house-proud to be horrified, after a heavy rain-storm, at seeing the beauty of a hitherto perfectly good white ceiling, sullied by the appearance of unsightly marks caused, of course, by the water dripping through.

A good way to obliterate these marks is to make a mixture about the consistency of cream, by mixing some white starch with cold water. Brush lightly the marked part of the ceiling, and then dab the starch mixture on carefully. Allow this to dry and the mark will be obliterated for the mixture dries in the form of a thick white powder which effectually disguises the stain.

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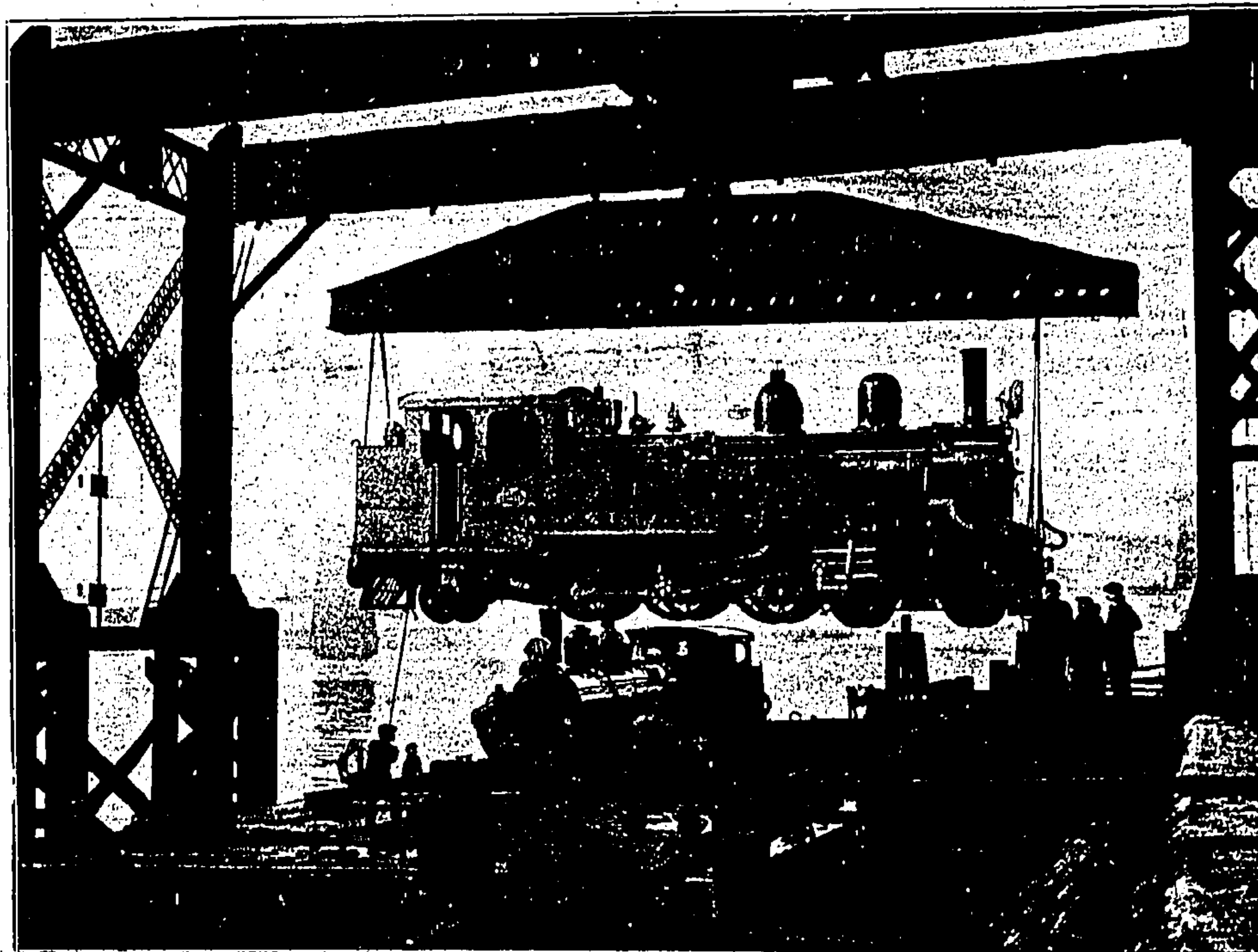
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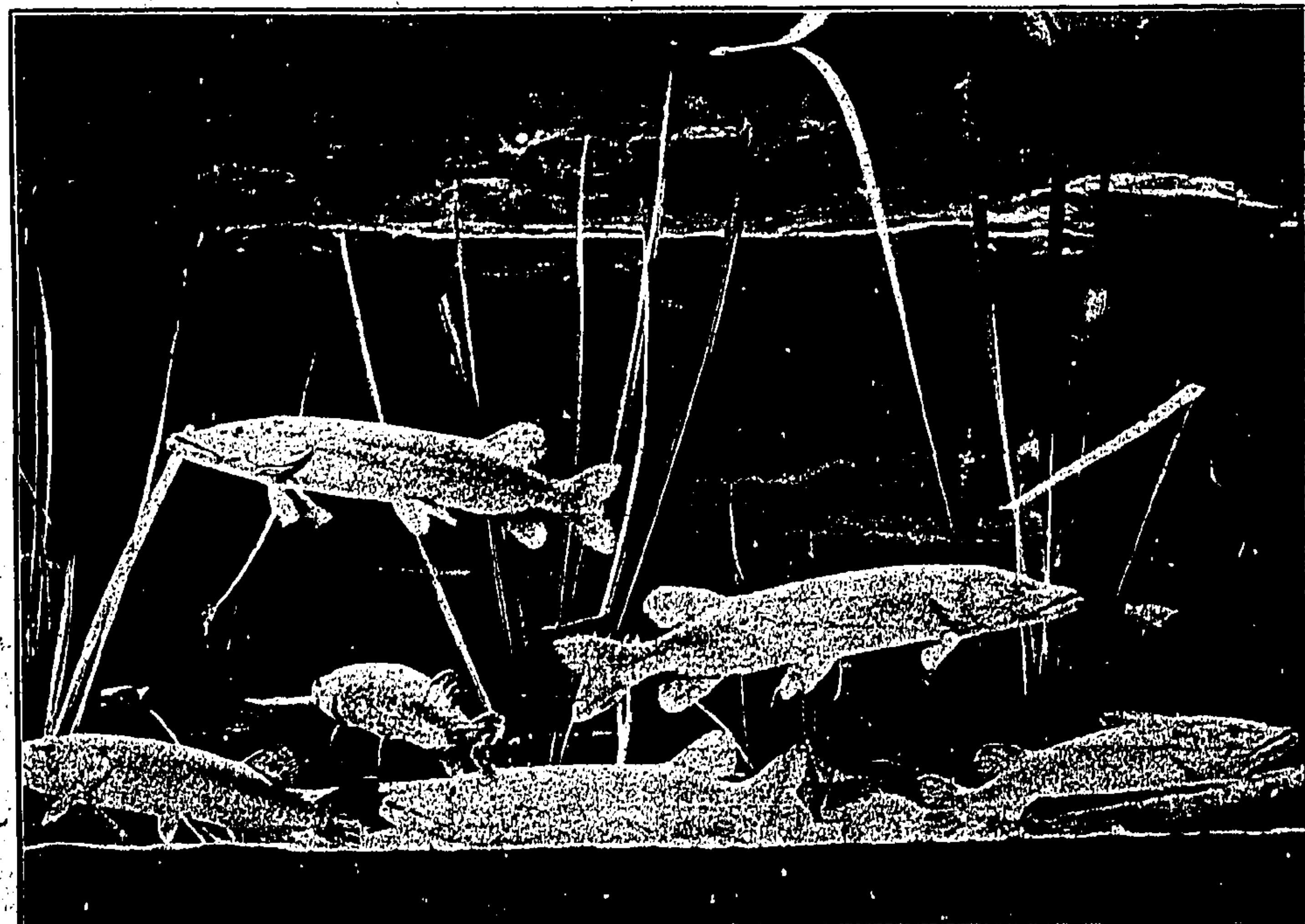
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RYE LIFEBOAT HEROES' SIMPLE FUNERAL.—The bodies of fifteen of the Rye harbour lifeboatmen who lost their lives owing to their boat capsizing on returning from an errand of mercy in raging seas, were laid to rest in one grave in the little churchyard by the sea at Rye harbour, Sussex. The whole village was in mourning. Photo shows changing over the coffin bearers formed by members of the British Legion and fishermen, who worked in relays during the trek to the graveside.—(Sport and General).



BRITISH LOCOMOTIVE FOR AMERICA.—Lifting a locomotive bodily with one huge crane at Messrs. Armstrong, Whitworth and Co., Ltd.'s works at Scotwood-on-Tyne, to be placed on a lighter for transhipment to South America.—(Sport and General).



SCENES IN THE FAMOUS AQUARIUM AT THE LONDON ZOO.—An interesting picture of pike fish swimming in their natural haunts.—(Sport and General).



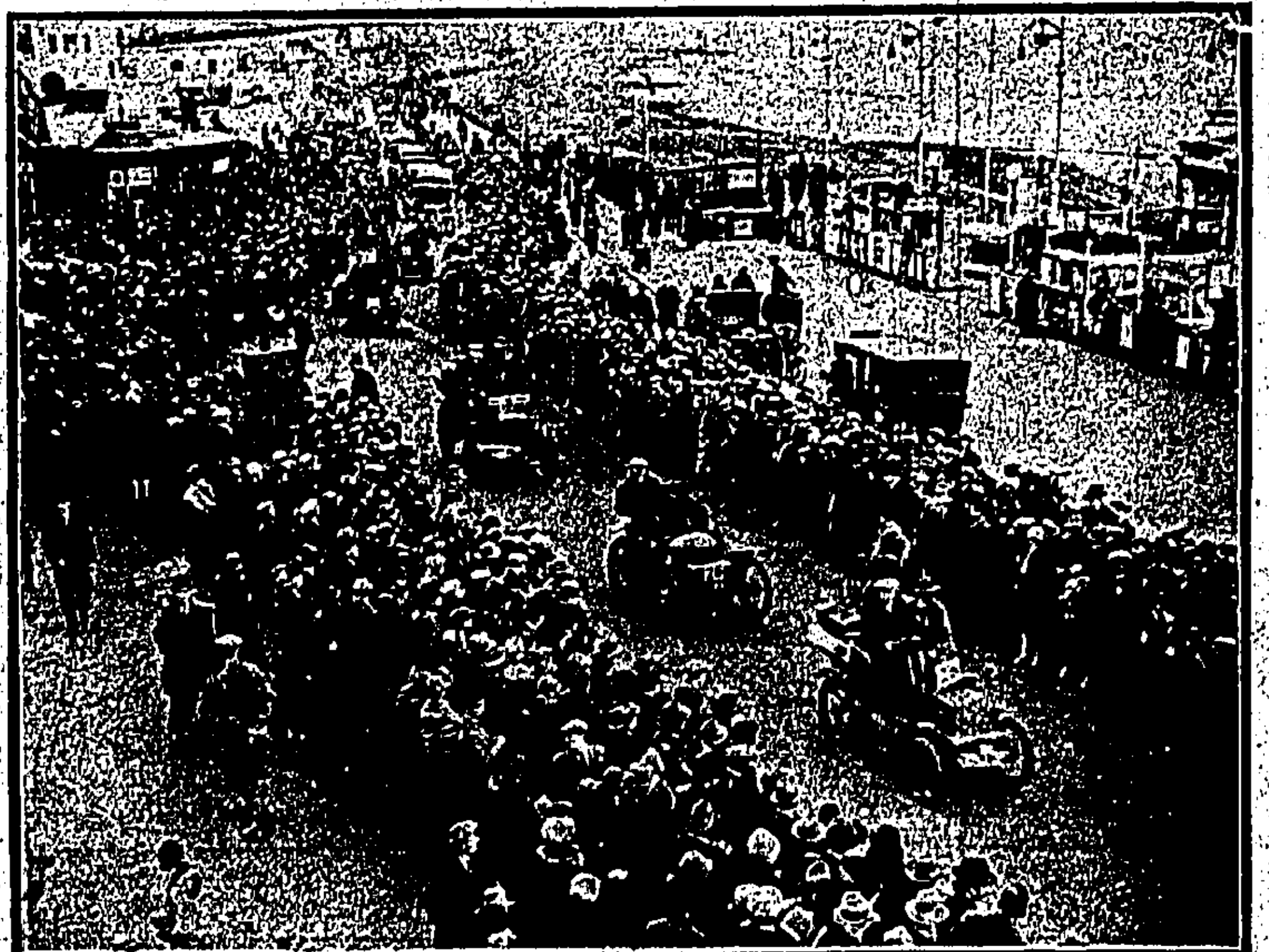
H.M. THE KING'S ILLNESS.—The solicitude of his people. A part of the large crowd that gathered daily outside Buckingham Palace to await the latest bulletin of the condition of His Majesty.—(Sport and General).



FATHER CHRISTMAS.—So varied and wonderful were the new designs for Christmas crackers at home this season, that it is difficult to decide on the best. This group includes a wonderful assortment. A bride, a crinoline lady, a windmill and the popular Kewpie doll.—(Sport and General).



RYE LIFEBOAT DISASTER.—Officials of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution carried out a thorough examination on the day following the disaster, of the lifeboat, overturned after being washed up. Our picture shows a tank turning over the ill-fated lifeboat on the shingle at Jury's Gap near Dungeness, Kent.—(Sport and General).



THE "OLD CROCKS."—Annual run from London to Brighton, in which 48 of the oldest motor-cars in Great Britain, ranging in age from 25 to 35 years, took part to celebrate the 32nd anniversary of Emancipation Day, when, for the first time, it became legal for a car to use the public highway without being preceded by a man with a red flag. The time limit for the run was 6½ hours and, after the journey, the vehicles formed a procession and toured Brighton much to the amusement of large crowds. Here is a general view of the crowd at Brighton watching the procession pass the Aquarium.—(Sport and General).

OUR WEEKLY SERMON

"China Mail". Rakes The Globe For Messages

XIV.—LEST MY WEAKER BROTHER
STUMBLE

[By The Rev. Dr. J. E. Ennals, B.A., B.D. (Rosebank Union Church, Johannesburg.)]

The South African Women's Christian Temperance Union and kindred societies, in which the author of this sermon takes a keen interest, deserve well of the public, for they are carrying on a hard and uphill fight against intemperance and the many evils which follow in its train.

The Rev. Dr. J. E. Ennals has for the last nine years been pastor of Rosebank Union Church. He has just returned from attending the Baptist World Congress at Toronto, where the honorary degree of D.D. was conferred on him by McMaster University.

[Text: "Why hast thou broken down her fences, so that all they which pass by do pluck her." (Psalm 80, v. 12.)]

The vine carved on the great doors of the temple in Jerusalem was regarded as a type of the people of God. This psalm depicts its glory as brought out of Egypt, deep-rooted in the land, covering the mountains with branches reaching to the Mediterranean, and its shoots to the Euphrates. Then all this prosperity was blighted by the breaking down of the protecting fence, and it was ravaged by the boar and wild beasts. This is a picture of the most divinely favoured society and nation when the fences of restriction no longer avail to keep out the devastating corruptions that destroy its finer life. As Jeremiah says: "I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed; how then art thou turned into a degenerate plant?" God's purpose for every people is its fullest development, and richest life. The clear conviction of the Temperance Folk is, that as in Isaiah's day, intemperance is the cause of one of the chief breaches in the safeguarding fence, on which the safety and well being of the body politic depends. The benefit of a fence is not always realised. Liquor regulations are too often regarded purely from the standpoint of restriction of the liberty of the subject, forgetting that all liberty is limited by the welfare of others, and that it is only licence that cannot bear restrictions at all. Temperance aims are thought to be merely negative—"Thou shalt not," and the natural man is apt to resent this. If we look from the other point of view, however, and think of the fence of restriction as safeguarding the finer elements of social and national life, we realise that it is a positive good, the provision of that sheltering wall, behind which the finest fruits of the garden may grow.

The open veld may appeal to one who loves the wilds. Thirty years ago with few fences we had to import eggs, butter, bacon and cheese. Now with fences, and the better cultivation encouraged by them, we produce these things ourselves. You cannot have a garden without a fence, but what a delightful pleasure and place of refreshment may be found within. It cannot be gainsaid that a life and a society that is without the demoralising influence of drunkenness, is free from one of the most serious hindrances to full self-control and finest development. The Hebrew idea of the "holy" was the undefiled by the common foot of every passer-by, sacred by seclusion. Now strong drink is the greatest breaker-down of reserve.

When drink has weakened the reserve of self-respect, there is no folly to which one may not be led. It opens the way for all the baser passions to enter and destroy the growths and fruits of character that seemed to be already ripening. The finer the quality the greater the ruin.

Brain Centres of Judgment

Strong drink first affects the higher brain centres of judgment, self-esteem and will power, and so lessens the power of restraint. By its deadening of self-criticism it deludes one with the idea of greater efficiency, when all exact tests reveal that less is obtained. How many a life is ruined hopelessly because the reserves of honour or of honesty have been broken down for a moment. There are many sins to which people cannot sink except when they are under the influence of strong drink. But it has made a breach through which the wild beasts of the wood have entered and laid waste the fair garden of promise. Let us not speak of the breaking down of the fence as a trivial thing, as if the fence only were concerned; the great matter is that the garden is no longer protected. Life that was meant to enjoy an Eden is turned adrift in the wilderness. The devil still tempts with promises of wider experience, and the first escape from restrictions has seemed to many as a new-born liberty. The awakening has come only with the discovery of the uprooting of the precious fruits of a lifetime's growth.

In public matters we shall be in a stronger position as abstainers ourselves to advocate restrictions for others. You cannot ask others to do what you yourself will not do. May I remark that prohibition has been recognised as a good thing when applied to the natives, even if viewed from the standpoint that it provides a great means of security for the whites. The disorder and serious crime of the week-ends thirty years ago was in striking contrast to what obtains to-day. The Black Peril would be much more serious were the excitable minds of these children of nature inflamed by unlimited strong drink. The native, however, is increasingly demanding equal treatment, and it is becoming palpably evident that if prohibition is to be maintained for one section of the community it can only be made completely effective by extending it to all. What has been long regarded as a matter of abstract justice if all were to be treated alike, is becoming, through our peculiar racial situation, the wisest policy. It means a self-denying ordinance, of course, but is it not well worth while putting restraint upon appetite for the safety and well-being of the community?

The lukewarm spirit of Laodicean indifference can only result in trouble. There is always a bigger bill to pay for the things we allow to slide. Just so that ancient city did not trouble to maintain its aqueduct with the result that to-day there even its ruins can hardly be traced. There are always fences to be maintained and repairs to be effected in the temperance cause. For many interests are always at work undermining its defences, like the white ants eating the heart out of fencing poles. We need the hard wood of strong conviction and consecration to the cause, which alone can be relied upon to resist the encroachments of this insidious foe.

"MOCKERY"

CLOSES SEASON TO-DAY
AT QUEEN'S

"Mockery," Lon Chaney's thrilling picture will be screened for the last time to-day at the Queen's Theatre. The story is woven around a dull Russian peasant who meets with some startling adventures during the revolution. Chaney contributes some remarkable acting in his difficult role which is entirely different from anything previously attempted by the star. Thrills and suspense intermingle with a charming romance, and under the splendid direction of Benjamin Christensen, interest is maintained until the end. "Circus Rookies," a new comedy featuring Carl Dane and George K. Arthur, will be shown from to-morrow till Tuesday.

WORLD THEATRE

"Ben Hur" the \$600,000 film masterpiece is the feature attraction at the World Theatre. Spectacular and thrilling, it is a picture which may be seen again and again with equal enjoyment. Ramon Novarro leads a huge cast of 150,000 players.

STAR THEATRE

The Duncan Sisters will be seen together in their first film production "Topsy and Eva" at the Star Theatre to-day and to-morrow. The picture is based upon the famous story of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," retaining, however, more comedy than was presented in the stage play.

The Chinese Maritime Customs having effected the second payment for the year 1928 on the Boxer Indemnity the coupons No. 8 of the 5 per cent. Gold Loan 1925 with the bonds drawn on December 3 last, will be redeemable on the 15th inst. through the Agencies of the Banque Franco-Chinoise. Pour le Commerce et l'Industrie.



POLITICAL LEADER ENTERTAINED.—Mr. Takejiro Tokonami, President of the Shinto Party, who arrived in Shanghai as an unofficial Japanese envoy to China, was the guest of honour at a dinner at the Shanghai Bankers' Club. Dr. H. H. King, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour, and leading merchants of Shanghai, including Messrs. Wang I-ding and C. C. Chao, were among those present.

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SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL"

To-day—Queen's Theatre;
"Mockery."
To-day—Star Theatre; "Topsy & Eva."

To-day—World Theatre; "Ben Hur."
Jan. 6-8—Queen's Theatre; "Circus Rookies."

Jan. 7—Theatre Royal; "The Macdonald Players," 9.15 p.m.
Jan. 7-8—World Theatre;
"Topsy and Eva" (at 5.10 & 9.15).

Chinese picture, "4 Emancipators." (at 2.30 & 7.15).
Jan. 7-8—Star Theatre; "On Your Toes."

Jan. 9-10—World Theatre; "On Your Toes" (at 5.10 & 9.15). Chinese picture "4 Emancipators." (at 2.30 & 7.15).

Jan. 9-10—World Theatre; "The Escape."
Jan. 9-10—Star Theatre; "Tess of d'Urbervilles."

Jan. 9-12—Queen's Theatre; "The Way of All Flesh."
Jan. 10—Concert at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 11-12—Star Theatre; "Proud Flesh."
Land Sale

Jan. 7—At P.W.D. Offices, two lots of Crown land at Shamshui, 3 p.m.

Lammerts' Auctions
Jan. 7—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., 50 pieces American Black Patent leather, 12 pieces Black Cotton Duck & one case black dolls, 11.30 a.m.

Jan. 7—At Sales Room, One Triumph Combination Motor Boat, (at A. King's Slipway, Causeway Bay), 3 p.m.

Jan. 8—At Sales Room, valuable household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m. Sport

To-day—Boxing tournament, City Hall.

Meetings
Jan. 8—Monthly meeting of Members of Marine Engineers' Guild at David House, 67, Des Voeux-rd., 6 p.m.

Jan. 11—Extraordinary general meeting of members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, Club House, 6 p.m.

Jan. 13—H.K.V.D.C. No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club meeting, Peak Range, 9.30 a.m.

Miscellaneous
To-day—Agricultural Show, New Territories (Sheungshui), 3 p.m.

Jan. 7—Lecture and film show by Mr. Clarke Irvine at Helena May Institute, 5 p.m.

IN OTHER PLACES

CHRONICLES FROM JAPAN
TO JAVA

Mr. J. H. Pedlow takes the place of Mr. C. L. Ham as an unofficial trustee of Pinang Free School, Singapore.

Before Sir William Mursion in the Bankruptcy Court, Singapore, T. B. Rogers applied for an order rescinding and annulling orders made on August 28. Mr. V. D. Knowles appeared for the applicant and read an affidavit by Mr. Rogers. The bankrupt's personal liabilities were \$15,258 and assets \$555 and the liabilities of the firm amounted to \$8,000 and assets \$7,879. In the affidavit it was stated that all except one of his creditors had withdrawn their proofs. Sufficient money had been placed with the Official Assignee to pay this creditor 100 per cent. The orders were granted.

Now that he has been deprived of the 40 per cent. of the pany-racing tax, the Gendarmier Commissioner Gen. Hsiung Hai-hui, has telegraphed to the Ministry of Finance asking that money should be remitted to him for the upkeep of his troops. The Ministry, it will be recalled, recently ordered that the pany-racing tax should be handed over to the Municipality of Greater Shanghai for municipal improvements.

In commemoration of the 32nd anniversary of the death of Dr. Jose Rizal, the Filipino community of Shanghai met to listen to a literary and musical programme which was given in Eddie's Cafe. Mr. V. Espina, chairman of the executive committee, presided, and addresses on the life of Dr. Rizal were given by Mr. P. Natividad and Mr. L. R. Ildesonso. The musical programme was sustained by the National Orchestra, Mrs. E. Sarreal, Mr. Juan B. Cadiz, Mr. G. Abelarado, Mr. Alingod, Mr. Albert Roche, Mr. J. Carlos, Mr. A. Yvardolaza, Miss Miguelita Salterio and Mr. M. Andres.

The Shanghai police record for the week ending December 22 reveals an especially active warfare on armed robbers within the Settlement. The authorities effected the capture of no fewer than 27 armed desperadoes among whom are several with long criminal records that the police have been anxious to bring to a close. The Louza Station heads the list with a total of 12 captures while the Yangtzepoo Station achieves second place with six arrests to their credit. The Wayside Station took into custody one Chinese who is believed to be the fountain head of supply of pistol ammunition when a house was raided and the occupant found in the possession of over 200 rounds of ammunition.

NOTICE.

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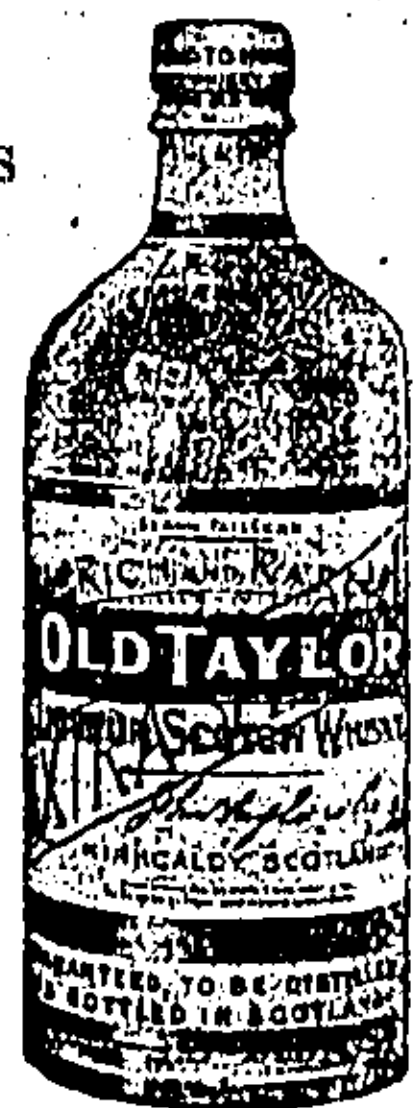
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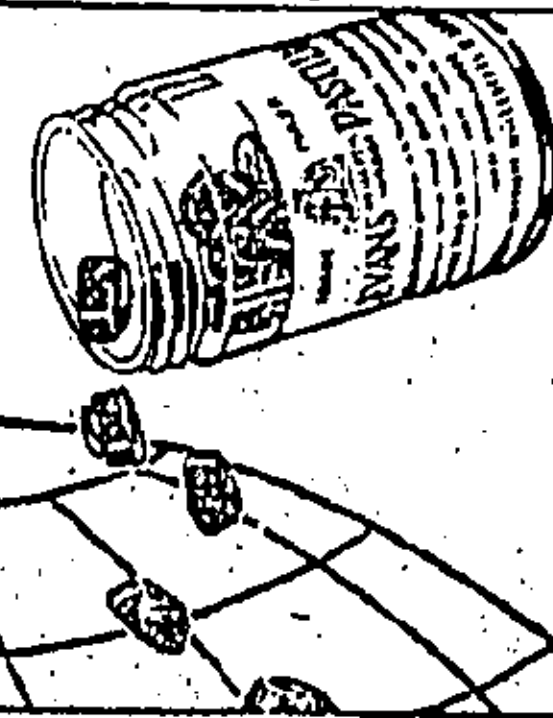
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A BIG BLAZE
LARGE NUMBER OF MATSHEDS DESTROYED

SHAUKIWAN SCENE

A range of matsheds, belonging to a boat builder and covering an area of 500 feet by 100 feet, caught fire at Shaukwan near the tramway terminus last night.

The alarm was received at 8.28 and the brigade turned out four machines under Mr. H. T. Brooks and other European officers, while the fire was also in attendance. About sixty men from the 12th Heavy Battery Royal Artillery stationed at Lyemun Barracks, commanded by Capt. Nair and Lieut. Quinn, assisted the firemen.

The area affected comprises about a hundred and fifty huts and small building, where they were served as dwelling places and partly tiny factories.

How the fire started is a mystery at the moment and it is presumed that the outbreak was due to carelessness.

There are large numbers of people without homes and the Tung Wah Hospital, it is understood, distributed a large consignment of winter clothes to the refugees.

Another fire broke out from a chimney at No. 64A, Bonham Strand, at about 6 p.m. yesterday and was put out by the timely arrival of the fire brigade.

The third fire broke out at about 10 p.m. yesterday at No. 30, Praya East and was soon extinguished by the firemen.

TO-DAY'S RADIO

BROADCAST BY G.O.W.

ON 300 METRES

The public are notified that all wireless receiving licences issued during 1928 expired December 31, 1928.

Licences may be obtained at the licensing section of the Government Radio Office on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building in Des Voeux Road Central.

The licensing fee for the current year is five dollars.

Receiving licences are issued to any person regardless of nationality upon payment of the fee.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Government radio station on the Peak, the wave-length being 800 metres. The call sign of the station is G.O.W.

1.48 p.m.—Weather Report.

5.30 p.m.—Demonstration programme.

7.48 p.m.—Evening Weather Report.

8 p.m. to 10.30 p.m.—Evening programme (Victor Records).

Gems From "Sunny".

Gems From "Cocoanuts".

Victor Light Opera Company.

Gems From "Aida".

Victor Light Opera Company.

8.25 p.m.—Dance Music.

9 p.m.

Gems From "No No Nanette".

Gems From "Rosellaria".

Victor Light Opera Company.

Gems From "Pagliacci".

Gems From "Cavalleria Rusticana".

Victor Light Opera Company.

9.25 p.m.—Dance Music.

10 p.m.—News Bulletin and Local Announcements.

10.10 p.m.—Dance Music.

10.30 p.m.—God Save The King.

Close Down.

FOR TRIAL

INDIAN WITH FORGED BANK NOTES

Alleged to have been hidden in the building of room No. 518 of the Tai Law-lin boarding house, in Des Voeux-road Central, a number of forged bank notes were described as being very crude.

Kam Singh, an ex-ship's guard and Police informer, was yesterday charged at the Central Magistracy with possession of these notes, and also with having two rounds of 308 rifle ammunition without a licence.

After evidence, the defendant was committed for trial at the Criminal Sessions.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defendant.

Messrs. J. and P. Coats, the cotton firm, has placed a £800,000 order with the Associated Finnish Spoolmakers for the delivery of spools representing the Finnish output for a year.

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5 MONTHS STOCK

WATER RETURNS OF THE COLONY

COMPARATIVE FIGURES

At the present rate of consumption, there was just five months' stock of water in the reservoirs in Hong Kong on the last day of last year, according to the returns, issued by the Public Works Department.

On Dec. 31, 1928, the total in storage was 998.53 million gallons (as against 1,448.25 a year before). In December, 1928, the service to rider main districts was disconnected and a street fountain supply given instead. In December, 1927, the western district was under rations but a full supply was available for other parts of the city.

Figures for Kowloon show slightly increased consumption and storage a little less than twelve months before. The accompanying details furnish statistical comparison.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on January 1, 1929:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS.

	1928	1929
Tytam	12' 8" B. 15' 6" B.	12' 8" B. 15' 6" B.
Tytam Byewash	20' 0" B. 24' 0" B.	20' 0" B. 24' 0" B.
Tytam Intermediate	L. 2' 2" B.	L. 2' 2" B.
Tytam Tuk	22' 6" B. 47' 0" B.	22' 6" B. 47' 0" B.
Wong Nai Chung	12' 4" B. 24' 4" B.	12' 4" B. 24' 4" B.
Pokfulum	19' 3" B. 23' 2" B.	19' 3" B. 23' 2" B.

(Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow".)

(A. denotes "Above Overflow". L. denotes "Level with Overflow".)

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

	1928	1929
Tytam	285.78	266.14
Tytam Byewash	33	80
Tytam Intermediate	185.90	183.90
Tytam Tuk	926.98	522.00
Wong Nai Chung	13.46	7.63
Pokfulum	25.82	18.60
Total	1,448.25	998.53

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1927	1928
Consumption	271.58	196.41
Estimated population	417,940	428,260

Consumption per head per day 20.9 14.8

Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during December, 1927, with the exception of the districts West of Eastern Street where an Intermittent Supply was given from December 1 to 31, 1927.

Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains daily during December 1928.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir	7' 4" B. 9' 6" B.	7' 4" B. 9' 6" B.
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	1' 1" B. 3' 0" B.	1' 1" B. 3' 0" B.
Reception Reservoir	2' 3" B. 1' 8" B.	2' 3" B. 1' 8" B.

Storage of millions and decimals of gallons.

	1928	1929
Kowloon Reservoir	280.42	260.74
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir	96.37	104.10
Reception Reservoir	27.24	28.75

Total 394.03 393.59

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of December.

	1927	1928
Consumption	88.68	109.76
Estimated population	163,180	168,220

Consumption per head per day 17.5 21.0

Full Supply in all districts during December 1927 and 1928.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to December 31, 1927, 107.87; December 31, 1928, 71.16.

BOILER WORKING

JURY'S RECOMMENDATION AT INQUEST

WOMAN'S DEATH

The jury which sat with Mr. R. E. Lindsey, to hold an inquiry into the death of a Chinese woman following a boiler explosion in a Shaukwan rubber factory at 7 p.m., on December 17 last, returned a verdict of "Accidental Death" at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

They added the recommendation to the effect that since there is an Ordinance requiring a certificate for the installing and working of boilers in the Colony, the Government should be asked to see that it did not remain a dead letter, but be put in force. It should also be seen to by periodical examinations made by the Government Surveyor that all boilers be worked under skilled supervision. The jury also agreed with the suggestion made by two witnesses at the inquiry with regard to the surveying of all steam boilers in the Colony.

His Worship inquired if any compensation had been made in connection with the death of the woman, and the Chinese manager of the factory replied that the sum of \$100 had been paid.

Addressing the jury, Mr. Lindsey said that he agreed with their verdict, and their recommendation would be forwarded to the Government.

Evidence was given by the factory manager yesterday that witnesses were in the charge of a man named Ho Yau. He was a skilled engineer, but had not had any experience with vulcanizers. The explosion took place about a work after he took charge. He was slightly injured in the explosion and could not now be found in the Colony.

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On Manila—	
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On Shanghai—	
On demand	78 1/4
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On Yokohama—	
On demand	105 1/2
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Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.55
Silver (per oz.)	25 5/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	8% prem.
Copper Cash	Nominal
Chinese Copper Cents	6% Prem.
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	31% dis.
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BANK NOTES

LOCAL CIRCULATION AND RESERVE

Returns of the average amount of Bank Notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hong Kong, during the month ended December 31, 1928, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks are as follows:—

Banks	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$15,022,140	\$5,000,000*
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	45,101,410	34,000,000†
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	1,782,204	680,000‡

Total \$61,905,862 \$40,680,000

* In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$1,286,200.

† In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents and Straits Government valued at \$2,990,442.

‡ In addition Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$180,000.

The following statement of the securities lodged with the Crown Agents by the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, against their notes in circulation, is published for general information under Section 5 of the Mercantile Bank Note Issue Ordinance, 1911, (Ordinance No. 66 of 1911):—

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WHAT THE UNITED STATES SHOULD NOT FORGET

Dr. C. H. Brent, Bishop of Western New York, preaching in Canterbury Cathedral recently said boastfulness, whether in the individual or the nation, was a hateful thing. He added:

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Ought my country to boast that the war brought no accession of territory when we do not need it, or when a extra-continental possessions are already our Achilles' heel?

We cannot deny that hitherto when we have needed new territory we have secured it, and when we wanted, for our own interests, to control a neighbour's territory we controlled it. Nor may we ever forget that we were offered a mandate and refused it.

A pink dressing gown embroidered with puppies for Princess Elizabeth and a pink coverlet with a white fur life-size figure of a cat were bought by the Duchess of York at an exhibition at London-Harry House, Park-lane, W., of work done by disabled ex-Services men.

A WEEK'S PAPERS IN ONE

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Importance was attached by the leading papers at Home to this week's developments in China. It shows that interest is not waning. In fact, at this stage, with several epoch-making events to chronicle, there is an abundance of China news which will make welcome reading, in detail, to people in other parts of the world.

The Nationalist flag has gone up in Manchuria, indicating (at least) the nominal extension of unification to outside China Proper. The Disbandment Conference has opened. Mr. Edwardes has sent in his resignation as officiating Inspector-General of the Chinese Maritime Customs. His action was followed by figures showing a record year of revenue, due to the boom in imports to avoid, as far as possible, the higher Tariff to come in force on Feb. 1.

The "Overland China Mail," the only illustrated weekly news budget published in Hong Kong, contains informative articles and reports concerning these matters.

"Local" news is also fully "covered," among which are occurrences such as the three Police raids on alleged Communists in the Colony, the sentence to death of a man convicted of taking part in the piracy of a British ship, the trouble among the complement of the British s.s. "Darcoila," and how Hong Kong spent the remainder of the festive season.

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Sport Columns

DOGS

WHY SO MANY KINDS?

CHEQUERED PEDIGREES

[By Professor J. Arthur Thomson]

Some animals are very conservative, and, as the rock-records prove, have remained unchanged for millions of years. The Lampshell Lingula, the Pearly Nautilus, and the Lung-fish Ceratodus may be mentioned as examples of persistent types, so old-fashioned that Darwin called them "living fossils." They appear to have reached a position of very perfect equilibrium in a particular environment, and have remained the same for long ages. On the other hand, such an animal as the Fruit-fly Drosophila, or such a plant as Lamarck's Evening Primrose, seems to be at present in an extraordinarily sportive mood, giving rise to mutation after mutation. Everyone knows how difficult it is to get two ruffs which are quite the same in plumage, and the snapdragons in the garden are always showing us some new grimace.

Many Varieties

There are many different breeds of pigs, but there must be some good reason why these are, as it were, within a narrow radius as compared with dogs. There are many races of domesticated rabbits, but nothing to what we find among the rabbits' natural enemies. There is great diversity among domestic fowls, but there is not that exuberance of variability that is in evidence at a dog show. Toy terrier and wolfhound, poodle and Alsatian, dachshund and greyhound are far away from one another than any two varieties of domestic cat. Why are there so many different kinds of dog?

The first reason for the large number of different races of dog is probably to be found in the multiple pedigree. For it is very likely that dogs arose from several wild species of wolf and possibly also from some of the jackals. It is different with the European Domestic Cat, which, according to most authorities, is derived from the Caffre Cat (Felis castra), often tamed and mummified by the ancient Egyptians. If this is true, the Domestic Cat has a simple pedigree. But it is otherwise with dogs.

Wolves and Jackals

For if all the European races are traced back to Studer's "Stone-Age dog" (Canis putianii), whose ancestor was a wolf, there is strong reason to suppose that in early days there were frequent fresh introductions of wolfish blood and of different species. Jackals may also have made their contributions from time to time. In a previous article we have spoken of three prehistoric dogs in Europe—all derivable from Studer's "Stone-Age dog"—namely, the "Peat dog," the "Intermediate dog," and the "Best-mother dog," leading on respectively, let us say, to Scotch terriers, foxhounds, and collies; but after their differentiation these races of prehistoric dog may still have crossed now and again with wolves and jackals.

Some evidence of recent hybridization is considered in Ash's stately book, "Dogs, Their History and Development" (Ernest Benn, 1927, five guineas). The general idea that we are seeking to emphasize is that the domesticated dog's inheritance was like a very complex pack of cards, so that in the course of millennia of shufflings many remarkable "hands" turned up, each the possible beginning of a new strain or breed.

The Friend of Man

The second reason for the large number of races is to be found in the many-sidedness of the qualities for the sake of which man has looked after the dog—some valued for strength and others swiftness, some their keen sense of smell and others for their hearing, some for fierceness and others for gentleness, some for brains and others for beauty. Therefore when a novel pattern or mutation appeared there was an unusually big chance that man would have some reason to give it his protection. In other words, the survival value of novelties among domesticated dogs is unusually diverse.

A few similar variants bred together start a strain; inbreeding of similar strains and careful weeding out of undesirable leads to a stable breed; by a patient persistence of the same processes of breeding and weeding, highly differentiated true-breeding races have been established. The secret fountain of variability continues still to flow and Mendelianism is giving some assistance to the breeder in the combination of good canine qualities. Man's fancy has sometimes led him to foster novelties which the unsympathetic biologist would have speedily eliminated. We refer to semi-pathological, delicate, dull-witted, partly deformed strains,

which only a false taste can tolerate. We have no sympathy with the propagation of canine defects, but the big fact of the dog show is the wealth of excellences. Those who share our appreciation will extend it also to Mr. Ash's book, which is almost worthy of its subject.

Let us look around in this National Dog Week, and with biological as well as sympathetic eyes, for we see many a dog that man—its creator—may well be proud of. What a motley crowd—(1) Esquimaux dogs, Samoyeds, and Pomeranians! (2) greyhounds, whippets, and Borzoi; (3) Dalmatians, Great Danes, and sheep-dogs; (4) poodles, spaniels, setters, pointers, and retrievers; (5) terriers of many sorts, fox, Scotch, Irish, Alredale, Sealyham; (6) bloodhounds, mastiffs, bulldogs, and pugs; (7) Newfoundland and St. Bernards. As seven is the perfect number, we had better stop here.

Individuality of Dogs

A well-established true-breeding race, such as terriers or greyhounds, is the artificial analogue of what would be called in Wild Nature a species. It is marked by a unified assemblage of characters that hold well together in heredity. As Plato rightly said, a new species is a new idea. A greyhound is a creation quite different from a terrier; and this holds for the mind as well as for the body. For we miss half of the charm and half of the problem of these puzzling varieties of dog if we do not realize that each is a psychical, as well as a bodily, individuality. They differ not only anatomically, but in moods and manners, in morale and mentality. Every true-breeding race is itself and no other, in mind as in body. More than that, each individual dog is a sub-personality, a unique product of hereditary nature and external nurture.—"John O' London Weekly."

TO-DAY'S SOCCER

Division I.

Kick-off 4 p.m.
Athletic v. Kowloon, Hong Kong F.C. ground. Referee, Capt. Austin, M.C., M.M.
Police v. R.A., St. Joseph's ground. Referee, L.S.B.A. Atkinson.

Queen's v. Navy, Chatham-road. Referee, Mr. W. E. Holland.

Small Units v. Recreio, Sookumpoo ground. Referee, Mr. F. Smith.

S. China v. H.K.F.C., Caroline Hill. Referee, P.O. Cowan.

Division II.

Kick-off 2.30 p.m.
St. Joseph's v. Recreio, St. Joseph's ground. Referee, A.B. Swallow.

S. China "B" v. China "A", Caroline Hill. Referee, E.R.A. Anderson.

R.A. v. Small Units, Sookumpoo ground. Referee, Pte. Lamb.

Navy v. R.A. F., King's Park. Referee, Cox. Willis.

Eastern v. Kowloon, Athletic ground. Referee, Mr. T. G. Stokes.

RACE WEEK

QUEEN'S-ROAD EAST: ONE WAY TRAFFIC

Only one way traffic in Queen's-road East from Arsenal-street to the Monument will be permitted on "race days" (February 25, 26, 27 and March 2) between the hours of 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. The one way traffic will run from west to east from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and from east to west from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. Kennedy-road will be open to east bound traffic from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and to west bound traffic from 3 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

[Note:—The full race week traffic regulations appear in the "Gazette" to-day.]

HOCKEY

The first eleven of the Hong Kong Hockey Club met a side from the Boda and Horta Regiment yesterday afternoon on the U.S.R.C. ground, the Club being strongly represented. The result, after a brisk game, was a win for the Club by one goal to nil.

To Meet H.K.S.R.A.

The following will represent the second eleven of the Hong Kong Hockey Club in their match against the H.K.S.R.A. second team on Monday at the Marina ground at 4.45 p.m.—A. C. Howell, J. E. Henry, L. F. Nicholson, L. A. R. Duncan, L. M. S. Lloyd, E. L. Ska, T. Whitley, W. A. Nowers, G. R. Vallack, T. J. Price and E. C. Fincher.

GOLF

COMPSTON'S NEW POST

AT COOMBE HILL

Archib Compston has been appointed professional to the Coombe Hill Golf Club, Malden, Surrey, in succession to Arthur Havers, who is at present touring the Argentine in company with George Gadd.

Compston was born at Wolverhampton 35 years ago, stands six feet three inches high, and is of powerful physique. He has held professional appointments at Kidderminster, Coventry, and North Manchester, but of recent years he has been a "free-lance" player. In the British Open Championship Compston finished second to James Barnes, U.S.A., in 1925, and third this year, when Walter Hagen, U.S.A., won. He beat Hagen by 18 up and 17 to play in a 72-holes match at Moor Park in the spring, but Hagen had landed only two days previously.

Compston won the "News of the World" tournament in 1925 and 1927 and the Glenagles tournament in 1925.

Jack Sharkey



Who is to meet Young Stribling in February. The winner is to box Jack Dempsey for the world's championship, it is stated.

THIRD TEST: 6TH DAY

A remarkable day's play (or, rather, part of a day's play), the game did not restart until 12.30 p.m. was provided in the third "Test" match at Melbourne yesterday, Australia losing their two remaining wickets on a wet pitch for the addition of but four runs, being all out for 351, leaving England to get 332 runs to win the match and retain the "Ashes." By close of play the visitors had secured 171 of them for the loss of Hobbs, who made 49, leaving Sutcliffe (83) and Jardine (18) at play when the game re-opened this morning with England wanting 162 runs for victory and nine wickets in hand.

England—2nd Innings

J. B. Hobbs, lb.w., Blackie .. 49
H. Sutcliffe, not out .. 83
D. R. Jardine, not out .. 18
Extras .. 21

Total (for 1 wkt.) .. 171
Fall of wicket: 1 for 105 (Hobbs).

[Scores at close of play to-day will be in the subscribers' edition.]

CRICKET

The following will represent the University against I.R.C. to-day at 2 p.m. on the former's ground:—F. Hipocool (Capt.), M. B. Osman, A. Baker, H. T. Barnard, A. B. Sulleman, G. E. Yeoh, K. T. Loke, A. A. Aziz, H. E. Adams, D. Roy and F. Fernando.

Captain A. J. K. Todd, the Conservative agent, has been recommended by the Berwick (Northumberland) Divisional Conservative Association as prospective candidate in place of Mrs. Elliston Philipson, M.P., who is retiring at the general election.

Several small-pox cases have occurred recently in Lambeth, London.

SHOOTING RULES

(Continued from Page 1.)

cupation, address, the locality where he wishes to hunt, enclosing two half-length photos 4 inches long, and a fee of \$2 (Central Bank notes). On approval the Civil Administration Bureau will issue to him the required hunting certificate, which shall be renewed annually. The form of such certificate shall be specified in a separate schedule.

Traps Forbidden

The holder of a hunting certificate shall, before he actually goes hunting, make due report to the Police as to where he wishes to hunt. The Police in such places, if it appears to them necessary to prohibit hunting for the time being for any reason, shall have power to prohibit it accordingly. While such matters lie within the duty of the Police, the Authorities in all places where no police station has been established, shall see to them.

The holder of a hunting certificate shall take with him the certificate when he goes hunting, and shall produce it for examination when asked for by the Authorities concerned.

Places Prohibited

No hunting shall be carried out by dynamite, poisons, high explosives and traps. In case any of these are necessary on account of any particular circumstances, due approval of the Authorities in the locality shall be obtained and due notice shall be published in advance.

No hunting shall take place in prohibited mountains, Government cemeteries of all dynasties, public gardens, public roads, monasteries and temples, thickly populated places and other places which the Authorities have appointed for special purposes or where hunting has been suppressed on application.

No person shall enter any garden or enclosure in pursuit of any bird or animal, unless permission has been obtained from the owners.

Hunting shall only be allowed between Oct. 1 and the end of March, which period may be extended for not more than a month on the recommendation of the local Authorities for any particular reasons.

Fines range between \$5-to-\$10, \$10-to-\$20, \$20-to-\$50.

Supplementary Rules

The time during which hunting is carried on is limited to the period between sunrise and sunset.

The varieties of birds and animals which are protected and the seasons during which hunting is prohibited are as follows:—

BIRDS:

Craie, swallow, marsh-tit, calcut, great-tit, nut-hatch, wagtail, wren, little cuckoo, common cuckoo, barn-owl, kite, vulture or condor—hunting prohibited during the whole year.

Pheasant—hunting prohibited from Feb. 1 to Oct. 31.

Bulbul, starling, sky-lark, shrike, plarimigan, quail, hazel-grouse, dove, snipe—hunting prohibited from April 1 to Oct. 31.

ANIMALS:

Deer, mouse-deer, antelope, scaly ant-eater.

[Note:—All the above-mentioned birds and animals eat noxious insects and animals and their value to farm produce and the growing crops is very great. The seasons during which hunting is prohibited, apart from the category which should be protected during the whole year, are the breeding seasons of these birds and animals during which hunting should be prohibited entirely.]

NO LICENCE

ANOTHER ARMY MAN FINED

Sapper R. Williams, of the Royal Artillery, Wellington Barracks, was, at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged before Major C. Wilson, O.B.E., with driving motor car No. 209 in Queen's-road Central without a driver's licence.

Defendant admitted the offence. Inspector Nicholas, of the Traffic department, asked His Worship to take a serious view of the case.

His Worship said that he understood the defendant was being dealt with by the Army authorities, and therefore in the circumstances, he would impose a fine of \$5 or 7 days.

While on his way to visit his wife's grave, Capt. C. J. Green, aged 82, retired master-mariner, was knocked down and killed by a motor-car at Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Davey, of Loughton, Essex, all of whose family are alive, have six sons, seven daughters, and 42 grandchildren.

A reward of £175 is offered for the recovery of jewellery valued at £1,000 alleged to have been stolen from a saloon car in Birmingham.

PAN-AMERICA

WHAT THE CONFERENCE IS DOING

FACTS FOR REPUBLICS

Washington, Yesterday. The arbitration and conciliation treaties drawn up under the auspices of the Pan-American Conference, which only require formal ratification, are multilateral. The former establishes the principle of compulsory arbitration in all international controversies in the American Republics to which the recognised principles of international law are applicable, the only exceptions being controversies involving domestic jurisdiction and those involving third parties. Individual nations however are allowed to make other exceptions.

The conciliation pact establishes the principle of compulsory submission of all disputes "of any kind" between the American Republics "for any reason." The conciliating organs will be the commissions established in 1923 by the Godea treaties which hitherto were only authorised to act as organisations for finding out facts.

The fact that the arbitration treaty does not contain the usual clause excepting disputes falling under the vague and undefined heading of disputes affecting "the national honour and constitutional provisions" of the signatory governments is considered as a great advance.—Reuter's American Service.

AERIAL FEAT

STILL IN THE AIR AND BEING RE-FUELLED

THE CREWS' HOPE

Los Angeles, Yesterday. The "Question Mark" (the 3-engined Fokker monoplane which went up on Jan. 1) has already broken the world record for a refuelling flight. It had been aloft for 61 hours, 7 minutes at 8.30 on Thursday evening and was still in the air this morning. (Friday) The crew now hope to surpass "Graf Zeppelin's" record of continuous flight.

170 gallons of petrol were put on board just before midnight when the "Question Mark" was travelling at 70 miles an hour.—Reuter's American Service.

MR. H. V. HIGGINS

"WHISPERING" CHAIRMAN OF FAMOUS HOTELS

Mr. Henry Vincent Higgins, chairman of the Carlton Hotels, Ltd., and of the Ritz Hotel (London), Ltd., a director of the Ritz Hotel, Paris, Ltd., and an ex-chairman of the Covent Garden Opera House Syndicate, died last month in London, aged 73.

Mr. Higgins overcame the enormous handicap of losing his voice 24 years ago. He then considered retiring from public life. He was persuaded to carry on and became, with his whispering voice, one of the best-known men in the hotel, club, and theatre life of London.

Two years ago it was revealed that great faith was placed in Mr. Higgins, who was a solicitor, by the Lord Chamberlain in connection with the censorship of plays. Among his friends was King Edward.

Mr. Higgins's first wife, who was the daughter of Lord Winchelsea, died in 1893. He married Mrs. William Breeze, of New York, in 1895. Mrs. Higgins's daughters by her first marriage are Lady Ancester and Lady A. Innes-Ker.

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS

January 3, 1929.

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Mr. A. G. Ellinger.

Messrs. S. P. Gray, W. Golding, Miss V. M. Gill.

Messrs. A. F. Henry, H. C. Hutchison.

Mr. J. E. Joseph.
Mr. S. G. Kok.

Messrs. O. Lee, E. Lund, Miss H. Little.

Messrs. R. Robotti, M. Ray.
Messrs. J. A. Scott, L. Schulman, W. Vander Steen, Mrs. M. P. Smith.

Messrs. E. Timmermann, D. L. Thomson.

Messrs. R. P. Whitlam, G. T. Wheatcroft, H. L. Ward, T. B. Wilson, L. Watson, W. Wood.

Mr. W. J. Masters, aged 57, steepjack, was thrown to the ground and killed when a portion of a chimney-stack crashed at Gloucester.

Mr. Parnell Kerr, the defeated Liberal candidate at the Epsom by-election in July, is to stand again at the general election.

Dr. von Dirksen, head of the Eastern Department of the Foreign Office, has been appointed German Ambassador in Moscow.

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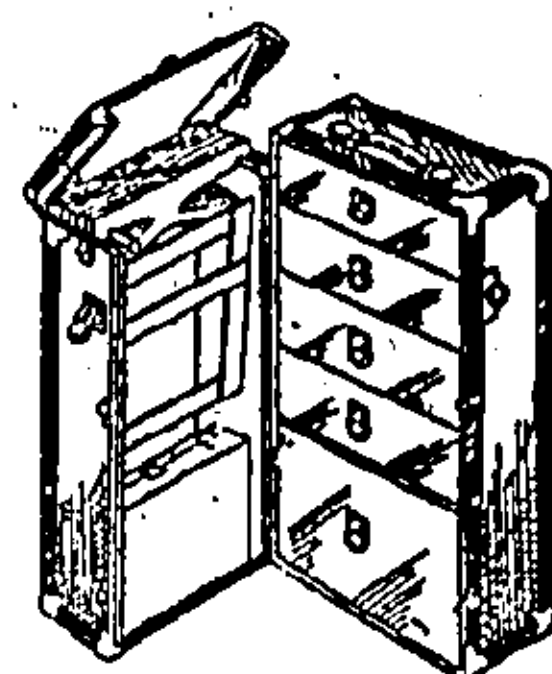
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6 p.m., Evening Prayer & Sermon.

Preacher: Mr. J. H. Hunt, O.B.E.

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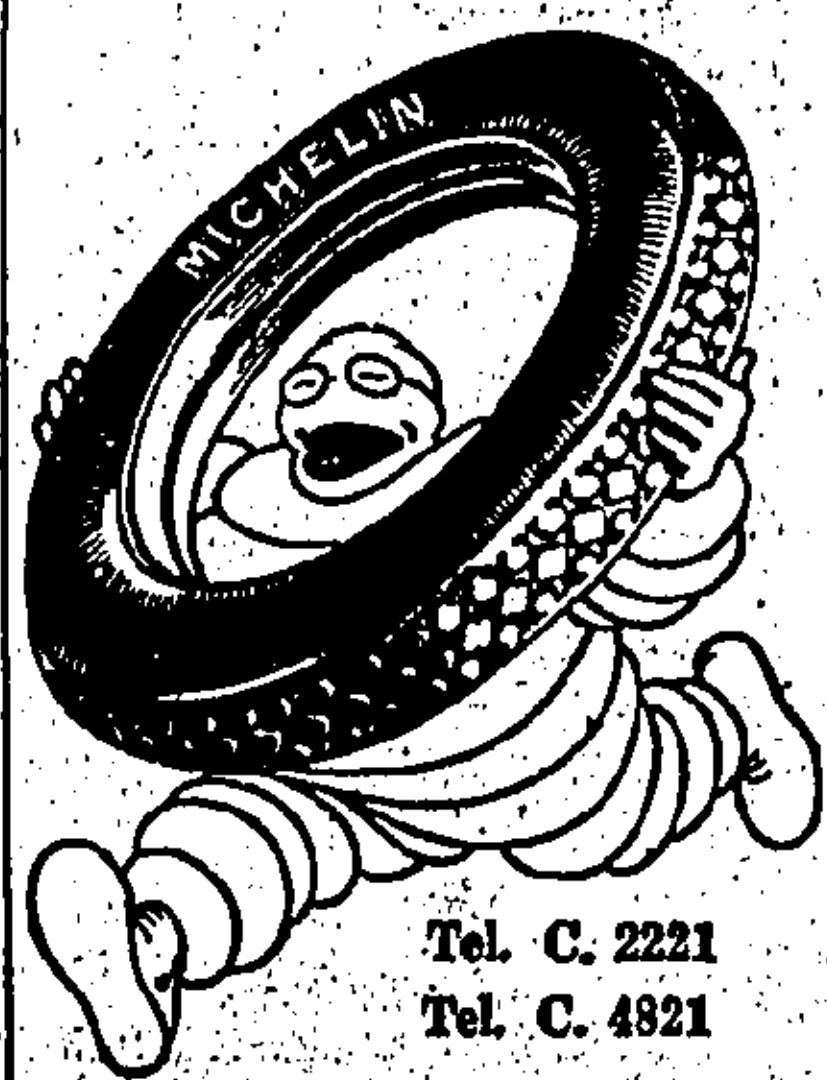
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WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Sir Oswald Mosley



Sir Oswald Mosley who, with his wife, Lady Cynthia Mosley, were disinherited in the will of his father, the late Sir Oswald Mosley, which has just been admitted to probate in London. The Socialistic activities of the son were the reason for disinheritance.

International Beauties



Beauties chosen in England, France, Spain, Germany, Russia and Austria, aboard the s.s. "President Harding" for a theatrical tour of the United States. L. to r., in front, Kate Reiter, "Miss Germany"; Joy Ashley, "Miss London"; Gilette Gaubert, "Miss Paris"; Nathalie Barr, "Miss Russia"; and Jacqueline Cobra, "Miss Spain." At back, Elsie Korin, "Miss Austria"; Nita Smolenski, "Miss Poland"; Marguerite du Prenc, "Miss France" and Angela Joyce, "Miss England."

To Marry a Count



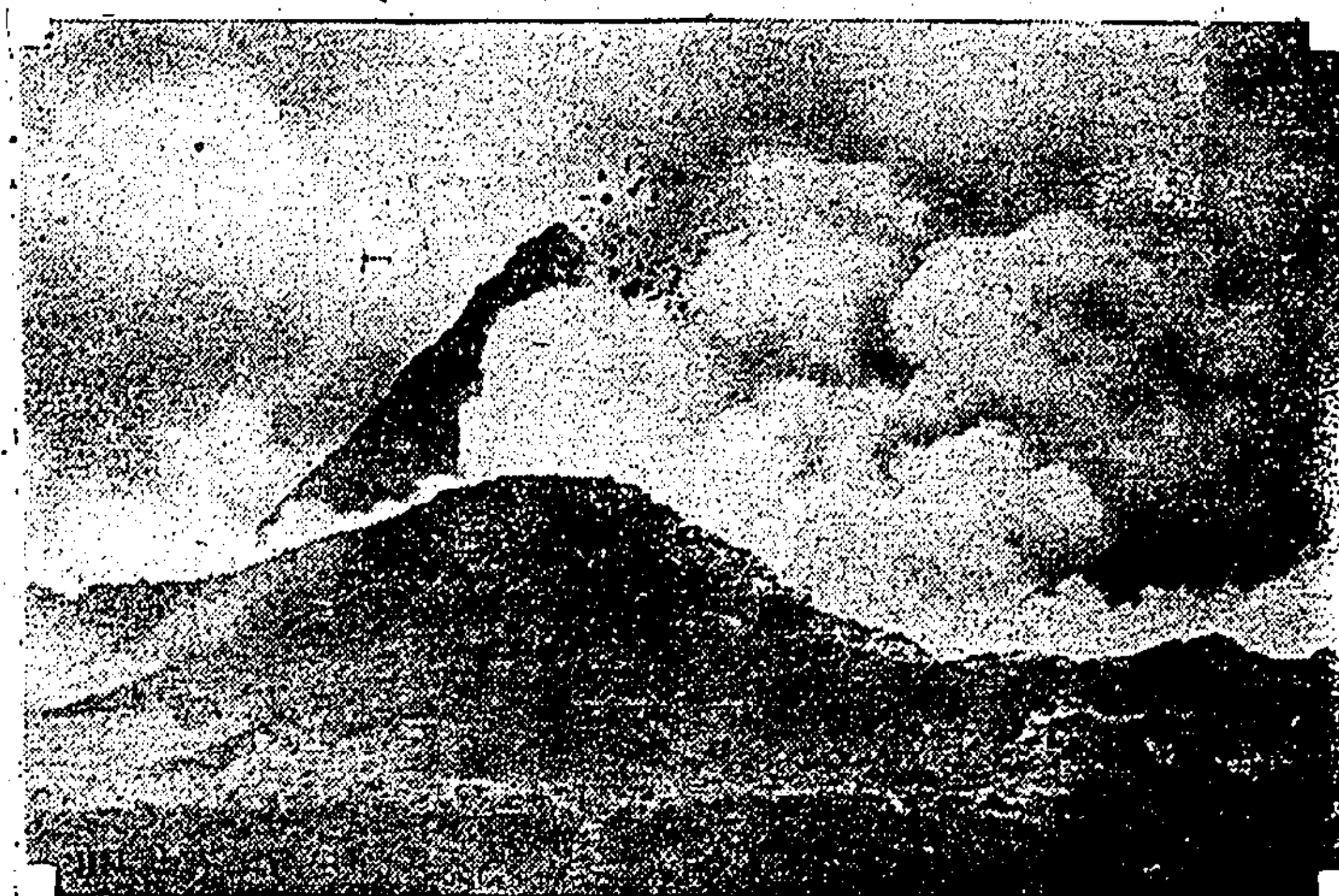
Miss Tallulah Bankhead the popular actress in London productions has announced that she will marry Count Anthony de Bosdari, famous in international society.

Jilted by 61



Miss Anne Livingston, who claims that she was jilted by Mr. Franklin Hardinge, a 61-years-old Chicago multi-millionaire, and, to prove her case, permitted his love letters to be published. Mr. Hardinge was recently married to another girl.

Mount Etna in Eruption



The first actual photo of Mount Etna's latest eruption. Unable to approach afoot because the great crater was entirely barricaded by smouldering lava, a photographer flew in a plane back and forth through the cone of poisonous gases and steam. Notice the irregular black particles being emitted by the volcano.

Long Range Doctor



Herr Doktor Otto Gordon, the eminent Berlin specialist, probably is the champion at long range consultations. Recently a woman patient called him on the trans-Atlantic telephone from Buenos Aires, asking to be advised as to her ailment.

Christmas Fare



One of the big turkeys sold at Home for Christmas fare.

Turkish Artist



Madam Mihir Hanum, a Turkish artist, shown with a crystal bowl presented to her by Mustafa Kemal, the "strong man" of Turkey.

Royal Jilter



King Zogu, who, it is reported from Tirana, Albania, has written to the 23-years-old daughter of the Albanian land-owner, saying that for reasons of state he must break their engagement of six years' standing. The monarch is understood to favour an alliance with one of Europe's royal families.

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ACTION!

THE GREAT WAR AND THE SEA

[My Mystery Ships, by Rear-Admiral Gordon Campbell, V.O., D.S.O., published by Hodder and Stoughton Ltd., London. 20/- net.]

A foreword is written by Admiral Sir Lewis Bayley, K.C.B., K.C.M.G.; C.V.O., and there are excellent illustrations by Lieutenant J. E. Broome, R.N.

This book should have a place in every home library, not only from an historic point of view, but also for the fascinating reading contained in the volume. The writer has shown us what stuff heroes are made of, and one is filled with admiration for each and every man, who took part in the actions described.

As Admiral Campbell often said, it was due to the effort made by each man that the actions were successful. All realised their responsibility, and the keen sense of duty which each man felt, inspired by his loyalty to King and Country, kept them at their posts through thick and thin.

One feels a thrill of pride to think that England breeds such Sons, and realises that the decorations and promotions awarded were more than well earned. How proud the crew must have been of their Commander; and how proud he must have been of his officers and men.

Though Captain Campbell was in command of three different ships, his crew was practically the same on all three occasions. A few left for health and other reasons, and a few new men were added as necessity arose, but the backbone of the crew was made up of officers and men who had served with Captain Campbell from the very beginning. All the crew volunteered for this special work and continued to do so only at their own wish. It is a wonderful example of how men who have faced death together, will always remain staunch to their Commander and to one another.

The book opens with a chapter dealing with the submarine menace, and the urgent need for something which could cope with this modern type of war-fare. As one reads the succeeding chapter, it is brought home very forcefully what would have happened to England, if our food, supplies, and daily needs, had been stopped by the enemy, not to mention the danger of mines and submarines, to those who travelled as passengers on the steamers, and also to our own Navy.

The term "Mystery Ship," and the various titles, these ships were known by later on, are explained, and the various disguises used are also described. It is wonderful to read of the transforming of colliers and other tramp steamers for this work, as mystery ships of H.M. Navy. One can imagine the enormous amount of work which had to be done, and the attending difficulties, as the ships had to remain undiscovered outwardly and all arms, guns, and most of the crew, remained hidden, until the ship was actually in action.

There is a humorous side to the story, in the descriptions of the training of the "panic party" and the disguises adopted by the Naval Officers as "Master" and "officers." The former did very valuable work, bluffing the enemy, and decoying them within range of the ship's guns, while the latter were so good as to deceive friends and relatives. One smiles to think of Captain Campbell in a bowler hat and red tie, as a "Master" in his Sunday best, and on more than one occasion when thus dressed, he was told by various people (some of them in the Navy themselves) what they thought of the Navy in general and Naval Officers in particular (?).

No one had any idea that the old tramp steamer was one of H.M. Ships, so much so, that officers and men of our own Navy treated them as an ordinary "tramp." Various difficulties, such as examinations of bills of health etc., were encountered in one or two ports, but these were ingeniously overcome by the use of a little "imagination" on the part of the Master. After the first ship, Captain Campbell commanded, a long period was spent in cruising, with no reward, except a sea-sick crew, and dreadful weather, but the men were being unknowingly prepared for what hardships were to follow.

The first action took place in February 1916, when U 68 was sunk. On this occasion, the "panic party" lured the enemy within range of our guns, which soon dispatched them. Lieut. Campbell, as he then was, was promoted to the rank of Commander, after this action, and awarded the D.S.O. Other rewards given were the D.S.O., and the D.S.M.

The name of the ship was then changed from "Loderer" to "Farnborough," and it was after the H.M.S. "Hampshire" was torpedoed with

Lord Kitchener on board, that the second submarine was encountered, giving trouble to a Dutch steamer. (H.M.S.) s.s. "Farnborough," engaged the submarine in action, and though it was stated in the Dutch papers that the submarine had been sunk, there was no definite evidence as to this actually having taken place. This was followed by a long chase of a mine laying submarine, off the coast of Ireland.

H.M.S. Q 5, as the s.s. "Farnborough" now became, was responsible for yet another submarine, though in this encounter, she was herself torpedoed, and badly damaged. After the action, she was towed ashore and beached, and guns salvaged, and though no longer fit for use as a "mystery ship," she continued to run under various names, and with varying cargoes, as a tramp steamer until May 1928.

The next ship Captain Campbell commanded was H.M.S. "Fargust," and a chapter is devoted to a very interesting description of her fights with a submarine, and a very good diagram is given showing the course taken by the submarine, so that one can follow the action step by step. The "Fargust" was herself torpedoed, in the engine room, and badly damaged, and was awarded the V.C., as a result of gallant action.

The final chapters of this interesting book contain the adventures of H.M.S. "Dunraven," a larger vessel than the two former ones. Past experience proved invaluable when fitting out this ship as the gadgets and disguises for the guns etc. were perfected from the old models.

Chapter Fourteen contains a thrilling account of the "Dunraven's" last action, when the crew went through almost unbelievable dangers. The submarine encountered on this occasion opened fire on the "Dunraven" and set her on fire, but little could be done as the submarine was out of range. A sharp encounter followed and the crew behaved magnificently, never flinching in the face of the greatest dangers. Though every means was used to try and decoy the submarine within range of the "Dunraven's" guns, the submarine escaped. The reason for this later proved to be that the submarine had run out of torpedoes.

British and American destroyers arrived on the scene, the wounded were transferred, the boats were recalled, and the fired extinguished. The "Dunraven," although her stern was awash, was taken in tow, but the weather grew worse, and early the following morning, she sank with colours flying.

After this action, Captain Campbell was not allowed to continue in command of mystery ships, though he begged to be allowed to remain there. Owing to the great dangers through which he had already been, the Admiralty thought best to appoint him as Flag Captain to Admiral Bayley, after which he took leave of his crew.

A letter of appreciation and admiration was received from Sir Eric Geddes, the First Lord of the Admiralty, and also from Admiral Sims, of the U.S. Navy.

The book closes with a summary, followed by an appendix, the latter consisting of extracts from the Second Supplement to the "London Gazette." This volume is well illustrated with photographs, diagrams and sketches. There is also a frontispiece in colour, of H.M.S. "Dunraven" in action. This is a book well worth reading, and is selling at a very low price; it will interest those of all ages and both sexes.

A PLEA FOR A REST

"ALL THIS TALK ABOUT SEX"

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A Social Obsession
It is a social obsession, probably because "smart talk" is at a premium nowadays, and sex is the easiest thing in the world to talk about in a cheaply smart way. It is also the hardest thing to understand. But good conversation, alas, does not necessarily imply good information. People may themselves know nothing about it; but they talk fluently, and do a great deal of harm.

What sort of a fool would you think an amateur who went into an analytical chemist's laboratory and began fiddling about with the reagents and mixtures? When he produced the inevitable explosion, would you not think it served him right? But it is much more dangerous to enter into a conversation of this sort with foolish, meddling people. Whatever the result, it is not going to stop short at a scalded face and hands. What is a commonplace to you may be a blinding revelation to someone else—and "smart" conversation is not the right medium for revelations.

Hardly any two people see the same thing from precisely the same angle. What you see in one way some one else may see in another entirely. One casual word of yours may open a door that no one will ever be able to close again.

We create types by writing and talking about them. Familiarity and Contempt
That is one point. For the other—that all this sex talk in the mouths of the half-informed is cheapening—to their subject and to themselves; that is really all you can say about it. It is the old story of familiarity breeding contempt. And contempt in this vital business is disastrous.

The nauseousness of such talk probably contains the remedy. The child who has eaten enough whipped cream to make itself ill loathes whipped cream afterwards, and for a considerable time. Sex as a subject of conversation is so very monotonous that I do not see how the bilious attack can be staved off much longer—which would be an excellent thing for our mental health.

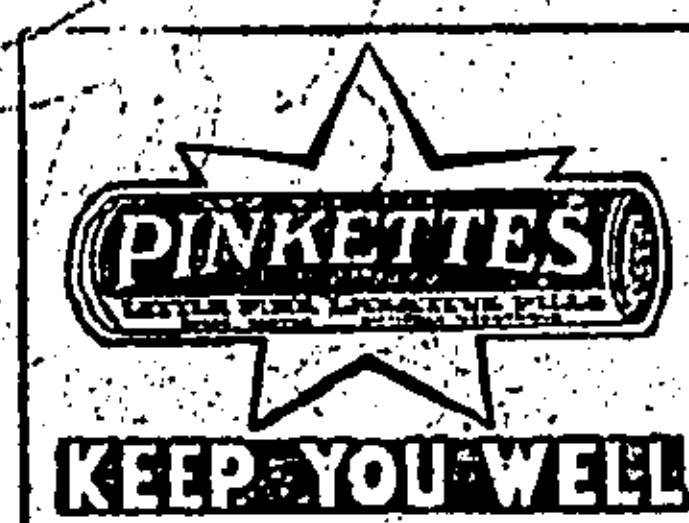
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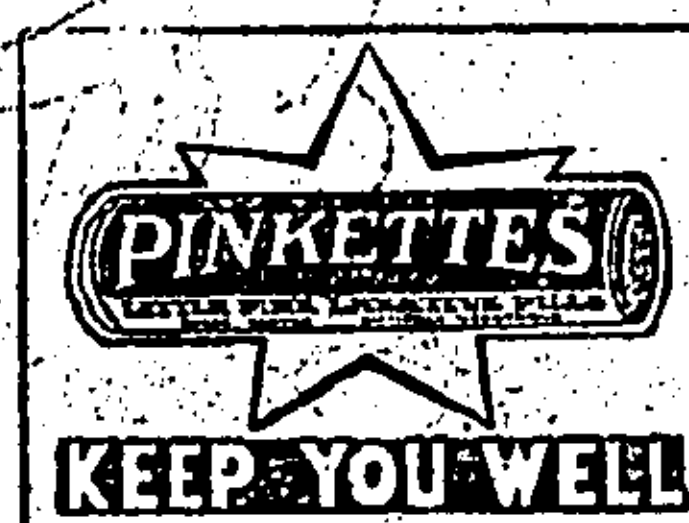
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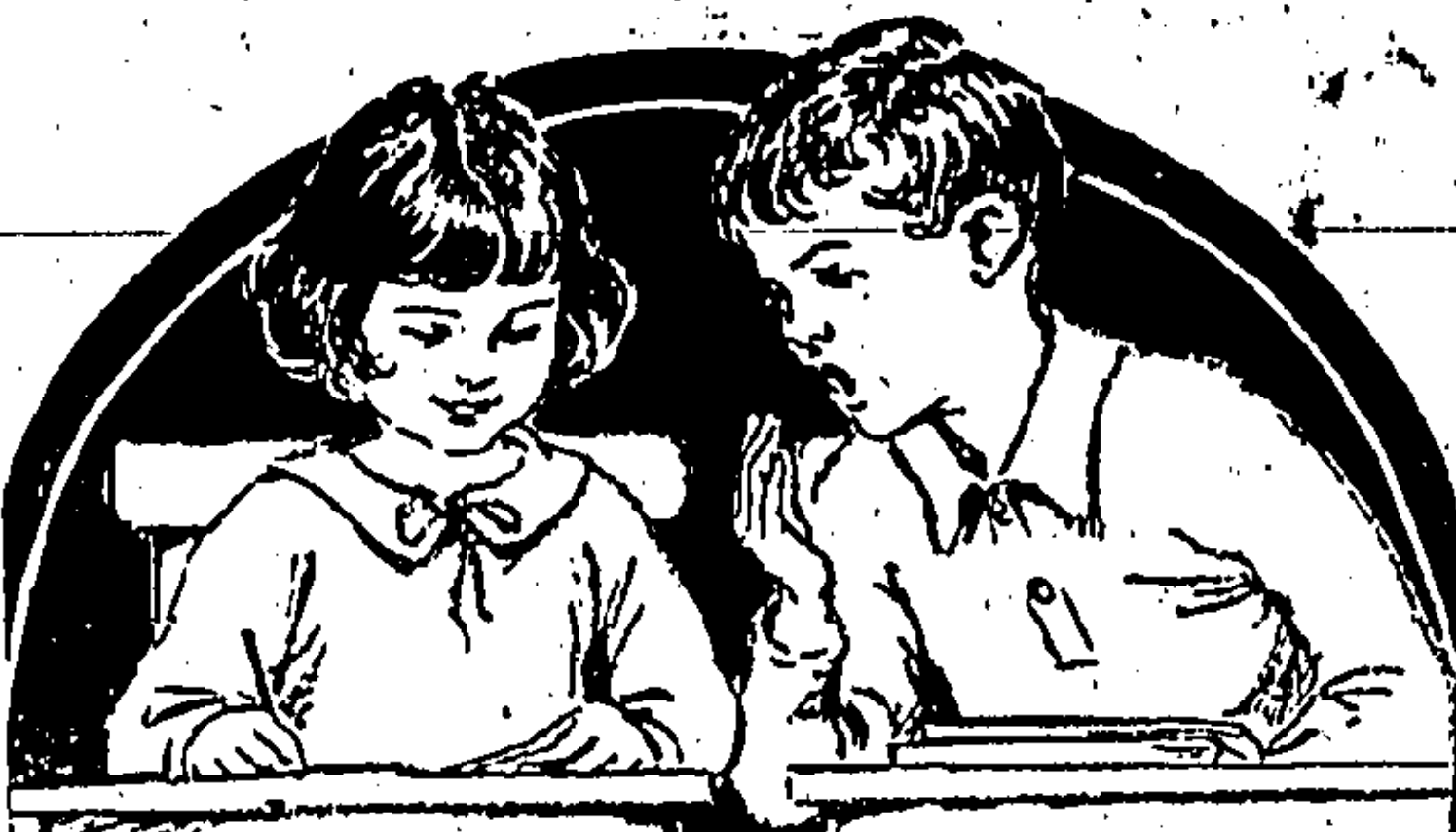
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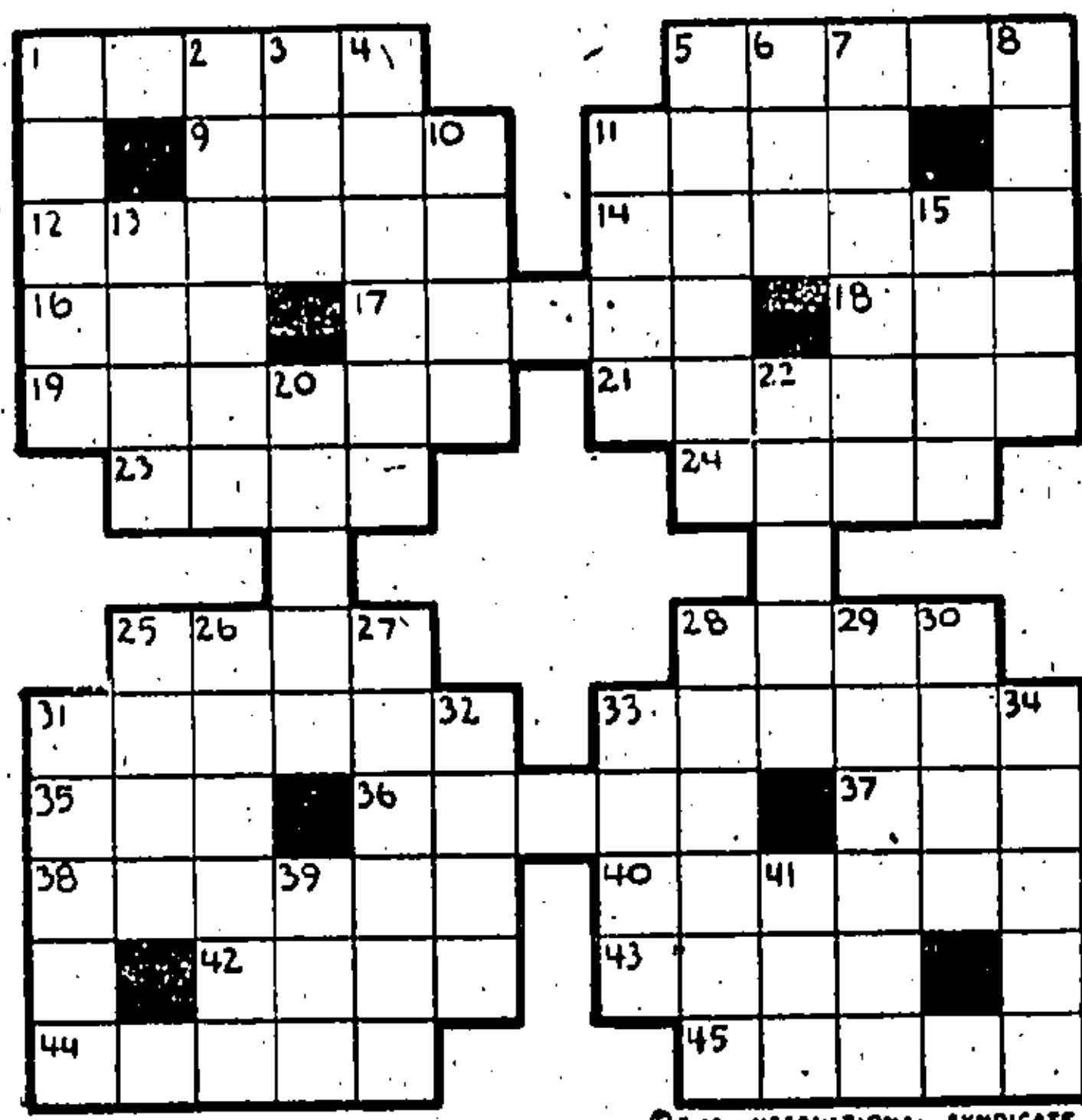
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

1—Old form of mill for grinding grain
5—A large dam
9—Fatty tissue of sheep
11—Nothing but
12—Any great channel
14—Form of a deer
16—Meadow
17—Perform
18—Fame (obsolete)
19—Girl's name
23—Earliest epoch of Cenozoic era
25—Fact
24—Implement for rowing
26—Examine
28—A casket
31—Son of Jacob
33—Column

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

35—Grude metal
37—Transmit
37—Exile
38—Allow
40—Impress
42—Depart
43—Classify
44—Tail grasses
45—Insect homes
1—A twinge of conscience
2—Property
3—Mourn
4—One of the sea nymphs
5—A Hindu
6—Cleverness
7—Bank official
8—The Scandinavian countries

VERTICAL (Cont.)

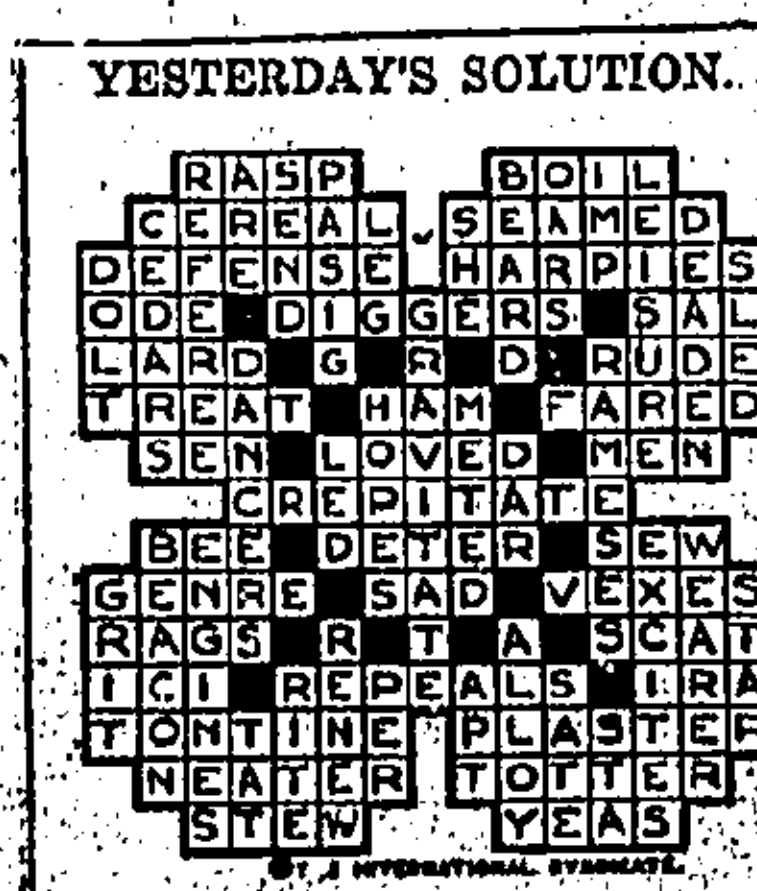
10—A river in N. England
11—A spice
13—Peruse
16—Estate
20—Torture
22—To pick flaws
25—Harass
26—Come forth
27—Members of a party
28—A fruit
29—Incline
30—A small pastry
31—Deep sleep
32—Ennoble
33—Seeds of apples
34—Sleeps
35—Moderate (abbr.)
41—Anger

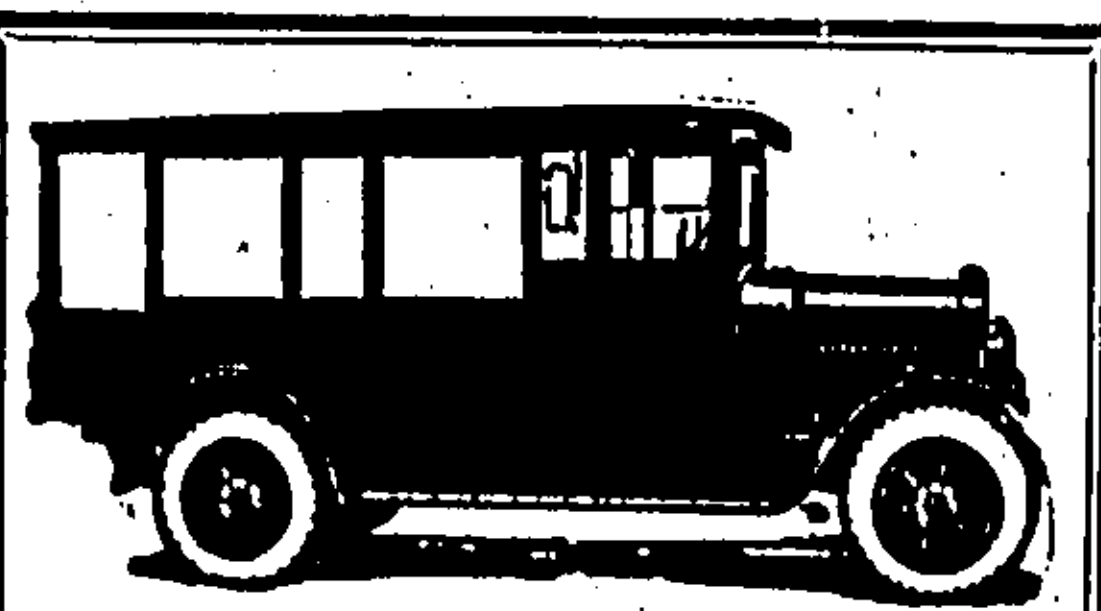
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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Amoy	5.
MONDAY, JANUARY 7.	
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Manila	5.
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 5.	
Straits and Calcutta, Parcels 1 p.m.	5.
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Australia (except Thursday Island and Cairns) and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 22nd Jan. Registration (Jan. 5) 4.15 p.m.—Letters (Jan. 5) 5 p.m.	5.
Manila	5.
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Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong	5.
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MONDAY, JANUARY 7.	
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Swatow	5.
Amoy	5.
Shanghai, Japan, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America, Europe via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 28th Jan. and Europe via Siberia, Parcels 8 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.	5.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	5.
Letters only 6 p.m.	5.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 8.	
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 8th Feb., 1929. K.P.O. Registration 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.	5.
Amoy	5.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	5.
Swatow	5.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

EDUCATION IN THE COLONIES

A NEW STEP

MR. AMERY APPOINTS INFLUENTIAL COMMITTEE

LORD LUGARD INCLUDED

London, Yesterday.
The Colonial Secretary (Mr. L. M. S. Amery) has decided to appoint a committee to advise him on problems of educational development in the Colonies, Protectorates and Mandated Territories, consisting of Bishop Bidwell, Major A. G. Church, Lord Lugard, Sir James Currie, Sir W. G. Maxwell, Sir Michael Sadler, Professor T. P. Nunn, Messrs. J. H. Oldham, W. Spens, Miss S. A. Burstall and Miss A. W. Whitelaw.

—Reuter.
[Lord Lugard was Governor of Hong Kong from 1907 to 1912.]

AMERICA'S NAVY

THE SENATE AND FIFTEEN NEW CRUISERS

PEACE PACT

Washington, Yesterday.
After a brief speech in the Senate declaring that the construction of fifteen new cruisers was vital for the safety of the United States, Mr. Hale, the Chairman of the Naval Committee, yielded place to Senator Borah, the Chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, in order to dispose of the Kellogg Peace Pact before dealing with the cruiser construction bill.—Reuter's American Service.

REPARATIONS

New York, Yesterday.
Mr. Parker Gilbert arrived in New York aboard the "Berenaria" today for his annual holiday. He will confer unofficially with President Coolidge.
He smilingly protested that the German criticism of his report "must be based on a hasty and incomplete reading of the text."—Reuter's American Service.

PICKPOCKET SHOW UP REDS

TUMBLED TO A PLOT

PRE-ARRANGED SIGNAL: FIRE ON NEW YEAR'S DAY

A HONG KONG COINCIDENCE

[From a Special Correspondent]

How an error of judgment on the part of a pickpocket brought about the exposure of a dastardly Red plot and encompassed a number of Communists in Canton has been related by officers waging ceaseless vigilance against the Soviet menace.

By a coincidence, the Canton authorities struck at about the time when, as recorded in the "China Mail," three Superintendents of Police (including the Director of Criminal Intelligence) and the acting Chief Detective Inspector raided three places in different parts of Hong Kong, effecting seizures of material alleged to be of Communist origin, and the rounding up of a number of youths, men, a woman and a girl with bobbed hair.

The Hong Kong coup is due, I learn, to the initiative of a Chinese detective who, with an element of luck, picked up the scent and then worked up the local case. Fortune also smiled on the Canton authorities, as will be seen.

"Red" Suitcase Stolen

Even if there is no direct connection between the Canton and Hong Kong events, however, the simultaneous discovery of Red paraphernalia is evidence of the persistent efforts of Chinese Communists to create trouble in South China in spite of an unrelenting campaign to scour them out. As the Communist Party in China is altogether out of grace, it has also to be assumed that financial and executive assistance has been rendered from an exterior source.

I do not know if the Canton pickpocket has been rewarded or even that his crime has been officially overlooked.

He sneaked aboard a tow-boat bound for up-country and stole a suitcase, presumably because its appearance attracted him. In conclusion he opened it to find, to his consternation, that it contained

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Los Angeles, Yesterday.

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"STOOD PAT"

SENATOR BORAH ARGUES ON PEACE PACT

BRITAIN AND THE U.S.A.

Washington, Yesterday.
Against the powerful navy group, Senator Borah defended single-handed Mr. Kellogg's anti-war pact in a three hours' speech to an interested and crowded Senate whom he warned, if they did not find a way to preserve peace, civilization would be imperilled as it had never been since the dark ages.

Senator Borah argued that the pact did not impair the Monroe doctrine. He declared that Britain's technical position under the pact is inferior to that of the United States because Britain had specifically stated her right—only in certain cases—to exercise the privilege of self-defence, while the United States stood "pat" on the right of self-defence any time, anywhere and anyhow.—Reuter's American Service.

WHO WILL PRESIDE?

THE SALVATION ARMY HIGH COUNCIL

64 DELEGATES ARRIVE

London, Yesterday.
All the delegates of the Salvation Army High Council have arrived in London. They comprise 46 British, six Americans and twelve of other nationalities.

It is not yet known who will preside.

Council Criticised

Melbourne, Yesterday.
Brigadier Slattery, divisional commander of the Salvation Army, has been suspended from duty for criticising the members of the High Council and refusing subsequently to refrain from reference to its forthcoming meeting.—Reuter.

IN BANKRUPTCY

Receiving orders having been made on Thursday, the first general meeting of creditors (to consider whether the respective debtors shall be adjudged bankrupt or not) has been fixed as follows:—

No. 25 of 1928, the Hop Yick Dyeing Factory, Shaukeiwan: 10.30 a.m. on Jan. 10.

No. 27 of 1928, the To Heung Hong firm; No. 7, Heung Hing-lane: 10.30 a.m. on Jan. 10.

plies of Red literature, including "staff" instructions to the rank and file to rise when a stated signal was given.

This ominous sign was to take the form of incendiarism. Certain buildings had been marked down to be set on fire on New Year's Day (i.e., Jan. 1, 1929).

After due consideration, the thief decided to risk the possibility of being charged with larceny, hoping to be recompensed by a substantial reward.

At any rate the authorities acted promptly. They surrounded a hiding place, revealed an examination of the offending literature. Strong resistance was offered. Some of the Reds were killed or wounded and the remainder captured. The raiders had three men wounded in the operation.

[Note: The Canton raid took place before New Year's Day. The fire in Canton city on New Year's Day was not connected with the plot. The Hong Kong raids were executed early on the morning of Dec. 31.]

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